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American Consulate Building Negotiations

If negotiations, in progress for the past year, are successful, the American Consulate-General will have its own building in Hong Kong, the "China Mail" learns.

The Consulate building will be erected on the lot generally known as St. John's Place (Inland Lot No. 580) opposite the Helena May Institute in Garden Road.

When completed, the American Consulate-General offices in the Hong Kong Bank building will be transferred there.

While declining to disclose the amount involved, a Government spokesman said yesterday that if the deal is approved the land will be paid for in accordance with the post-war agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom on wartime land-lease.

"This means," explained the spokesman, "that the United Kingdom Government will place the land at the disposal of the American Government for the purchase of land in Hong Kong."

The "China Mail" learned yesterday that a house for the private residence of the Consul-General has been purchased on Shouson Hill Road. Quarters for the Consulate staff will be provided in Kowloon.

Woman Bandit Leader

Canton, May 18.—An alert and cunning bandit leader in Taichang (Taishang), county seat of Taichang, about 100 miles south of Canton, the native land of thousands of Chinese in the United States, Canada and Australia.

About 300 bandits said to be under the leadership of a woman are looting villages in Kaiping county, 40 miles north-west of Taichang.

Several companies of government regulars have arrived in the area to cope with the outlaws.

Chinese press reports said the woman leader has her headquarters in the Hundred Thousand Mountain Range bordering on Kwangsi province and Indo-China. Last year she denied any political activity, insisting she had retired as a housewife.—Associated Press.

Labour "Revolution" At Perilous Stage

Scarborough, Yorkshire, May 18.—Mr. Herbert Morrison, deputy Prime Minister, said today that the Labour Party's "peaceful revolution" was getting to a very perilous stage, at which previous revolutions had floundered when ideals had been given the force of law.

At that stage he told delegates on the second day of the annual Labour Party conference, came the test whether these ideals would become a living reality or whether human imperfections would convert them into "just another bit of bureaucratic routine."

"We must remember that we cannot sit down on a revolution any more than we can sit down on bayonets," he said.

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JEW CAPTURE ACRE Arabs Surrender Unconditionally Tel Aviv Raided By Arabs Again

Tel-Aviv, May 18.—Jewish Army sources said the ancient all-Arab town of Acre surrendered unconditionally today after a 72-hour battle.

Haganah said earlier it had some 4,000 Arabs trapped in the old walled city eight miles north of the Jewish port of Haifa. Acre is just outside the area of Palestine designated as Jewish under the United Nations partition plan.

The Jews also declared 500 Arabs were drowned when Jews opened a dam and flooded land south of the Sea of Galilee.

Tel-Aviv was raided by light bombers just after dawn for the fourth straight day in the longest attack yet on this capital of Israel. Jews said they shot down one of the attacking planes and damaged another.

Haganah said one of the pilots crash landed near Rehovot, 15 miles southeast of Tel-Aviv, and was taken into custody by two Israeli soldiers.

British Troops Withdraw

They said he identified himself as an Egyptian Air Force pilot officer. In the first raid on Saturday the Jews also claimed capture of an Egyptian pilot.

More than 3,000 British troops and Palestine police boarded the 1,000-ton troopship Empress of Australia at Haifa today as Britain stepped up the withdrawal of her remaining forces from the Holy Land.

The transport is scheduled to sail tonight. Many of those boarding the troopship today were reported to have been evacuated from Jerusalem.

Troops from six of the seven Jewish battalions—the Arab Legion are fighting in the war against the Jews in Palestine, it was disclosed today.

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Tram And Lorry Collide

A collision between Tram No. 82 and Lorry No. 6280 at the junction of Des Voeux Road, West Street, yesterday afternoon resulted in both vehicles being heavily damaged.

The tram driver sustained a fractured hand and was detained in the Queen Mary Hospital. The lorry driver escaped with minor bruises.

The lorry emerged from a side street off Des Voeux Road and ran into the front of the tram. None of the passengers of tram was hurt except for shock. The lorry was unloaded and the tram only half full.

Labour Left Wing Victory

Scarborough, Eng., May 18.—The left wing of the Labour Party scored its first victory at the Party's 57th annual conference here today.

Michael Foot, one of the "Keep Left" Labour group in Parliament, was elected to the National Executive. He displaced right winger Air Secretary, Philip Noel-Baker, as the seventh member of the Executive. All the other six constituency members were re-elected.

Aneurin Bevan topped the poll which 730,000 members. The others re-elected were Hugh Dalton with 670,000 votes, Emanuel Shinwell with 581,000 votes, Herbert Morrison with 550,000 votes, James Callaghan with 544,000 votes, and Professor Harold L. Laski with 505,000 votes.

Mr. Bevan, winding up the production debate for the Executive Council, said the Marshall Plan is absolutely essential if Britain is to maintain full production.

Without Marshall Plan unemployment in this country will rise. We are deeply grateful to the inspiration which lay behind the plan.

"But we do not like living on the aid of any other country. That is why we must increase our own production and the next three years will be essential to us and to the world. I am an optimist. I am quite certain we are going to succeed," he said.

Mr. Bevan said the Labour Government for the last three years rescued Britain from economic disaster.—United Press.

Chinese Celebrate Tomorrow

Mass meetings, processions, banquets at Chinese restaurants and elaborate fireworks display at the McPherson Playground, organized by local Chinese official and private organizations, are on tomorrow's programme for celebrating the induction into office of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and General Li Tsung-shan as China's first constitutional President and Vice-President, respectively.

The mass meetings will be held on the McPherson and Southern Playgrounds, while the processions will be on both the mainland and island.

All Chinese offices and schools will be closed for the day. Chinese labour and trade unions have declared tomorrow a holiday.

Rio De Janeiro, May 18.—Angus S. Mitchell, of Melbourne, Australia, was elected President of Rotary International at a plenary session of the organization's thirty-ninth convention today.—United Press.

Bill To Abolish Typhoons

Manila, May 18.—The Philippine House of Representatives has passed the anti-typhoon bill.

The bill, sponsored by Representative Francisco Perpetua, aims at a typhoon commission to find a way to abolish typhoons, which cause millions of dollars' damage each year in the Philippines.

Rep. Perpetua explained that there were scientific ways of arresting typhoons, such as dropping dry ice or even an atomic bomb into the mass of disturbed air.—United Press.

Getting Into Trim



Naval ratings in the war-battered drill hall at Portsmouth, giving a climbing display in preparation for the forthcoming Royal Tournament at Olympia.

Crane Capsized In Mid-Ocean But Towed To HK

Moller's (Hong Kong) Limited ocean tug "Caroline Moller" arrived at Hong Kong from Manila yesterday with a capsized 30-ton floating crane and a small tanker in tow.

The crane overturned five days ago in choppy sea. It is believed that flooding of buoyancy compartments on one side was responsible for it capsizing.

Speed was reduced by the tug to practically nil but the tug proceeded.

The Caroline Moller anchored off Green Island yesterday morning and handed the crane over to Marine Department tugs.

A diver inspected the crane and reported it intact. It is believed an attempt will be made to right the crane by towing it into shallow water and pumping out the compartments. The tall derrick is dismantled and laid flat.

Both tanker, with a displacement of about 200 tons, and crane, it is understood, are for use by Moller's.

These vessels were the last of a group to be brought from Manila.

At the end of this month, it is believed, the Caroline Moller will leave Hong Kong for Saigon with an Admiralty lifting craft in tow.

From Saigon it will proceed to Singapore light, and there pick up a tow for Shanghai. It will return from Shanghai light.

Simpson was taken prisoner at Corregidor and Ulrich who was a second lieutenant in the infantry, is a survivor of the Bataan Death March. They met in a prison camp at Zentsuji, Japan.

According to the suit, Simpson delivered food, candy and cigarettes to Ulrich behind the prison camp barbed wire and, furthermore paid off some debts Ulrich had with other prisoners. When they were liberated in September, 1945, they made a verbal agreement that the debt totaled \$5,100, the suit said.

In papers filed in reply, Ulrich, who is now a ticket salesman at the Grand Central railway terminal, New York, says he owes the captain no money because the food and other articles were not Simpson's but property of the United States Government or the American Red Cross.—United Press.

Will Not Call At Damascus

Owing to the political situation in the Middle East, there is a possibility of Pan-American World Airways' London-bound plane, leaving on Friday, not touching at Damascus.

Pan-American has already advised its passengers to this effect.

The plane, leaving on Friday at 2 p.m. normally touches at Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul and London en route to New York.

CHINESE CHAMBER ELECTION INJUNCTION MANOEUVRE FAILS

An application by seven Committee members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for an interim injunction to restrain the Chamber from holding its annual election of a new Committee today, and from proceeding to the election of 20 Supervisors in connection with the elections, was refused yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice).

The application was brought by Messrs. Lui Yam-shuen, Hsu Chi-lang, Lam Hau-tak, Tsai Ching-yan, Chiu Yiu-wah, Yung Sal-fong and Chu Sal-cheung, who were cited as plaintiffs and who were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. and Mr. E. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce, defendants, were not represented.

Mr. Sheldon said that the application was brought under section 582 of the Code of Civil Procedure and was supported by two affidavits, one of which was by Hsu Chi-lang. After reading the contents of the affidavits by Hsu, Mr. Sheldon submitted that there had been a plain breach of Article 32A of the Articles of Association, which provided that the election of Members of the Committee and Supervisory Committee take place before the end of April in each year. The election proposed to be held was, therefore, against the Articles.

The proper procedure to be adopted would be to call a meeting and to pass a resolution for the alteration of Article 32A. It was beyond contention that the election would be against Article 32A. He asked for an order in terms, returnable at any date to enable the defendants to traverse the matter if they wished.

Refusing the application, Mr. Justice Williams said that he was not in favour of ex-parte applications being made unless the same fell within the terms of the law as laid down. He was not prepared to stop the intended election.

The defendants could come in and state their case in the ordinary way and if the Court should then hold that there was no authority for the holding of the election, then the Supervisory Committee would be washed out.

Finally, Mr. Justice Williams said that he did not think that irreparable damage would be caused by allowing the Committee to be elected.

This ended, for a time, the first of the legal tussles between the Progressives and the Conservatives in the Chamber.

The latter have, through the Chamber's legal adviser, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, C.B.E., briefed the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida Castro, K.C., to be their legal protagonist in the coming duel.

The stage was all set yesterday for holding the big meeting of the Chamber this afternoon at the Kam Ling Restaurant, West Point, at which the General Committee will be elected to serve during the coming year, and from whose ranks the much coveted posts of Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be filled.

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The Weather

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No Rifle Sales To Middle East

Canberra, May 18.—Mr. Joseph Chifley, Prime Minister, disclosed today that Australia had refused to sell rifles, destined for the Middle East, because it was feared that they would be run into Palestine.

At present, many firms had tried to buy 88,000 rifles, he said, unusually for Jews. They had offered prices three times the real value.

Efforts had also been made to secure rifles for Arabs.—Reuters.

New Record For "Rubber Cheques"

Shanghai, May 18.—A new record in "rubber cheques" was set up here last week when the central clearing house of the Shanghai Bankers' Association, founded last year with 3,178,000,000 Chinese dollars (nearly US\$10,000,000) at the official rate ruling then, worth of unexchangeable cheques, because of the lack of covering funds, according to Chinese reports today.

This figure is an increase of over 2,500,000,000 Chinese dollars over the previous week. The total amount of cheques cleared by the clearing house last week also broke all previous records, amounting to over twice the recorded Chinese dollar circulation at the end of March of 1947—187,000,000,000 Chinese dollars.

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Peaceful Nights

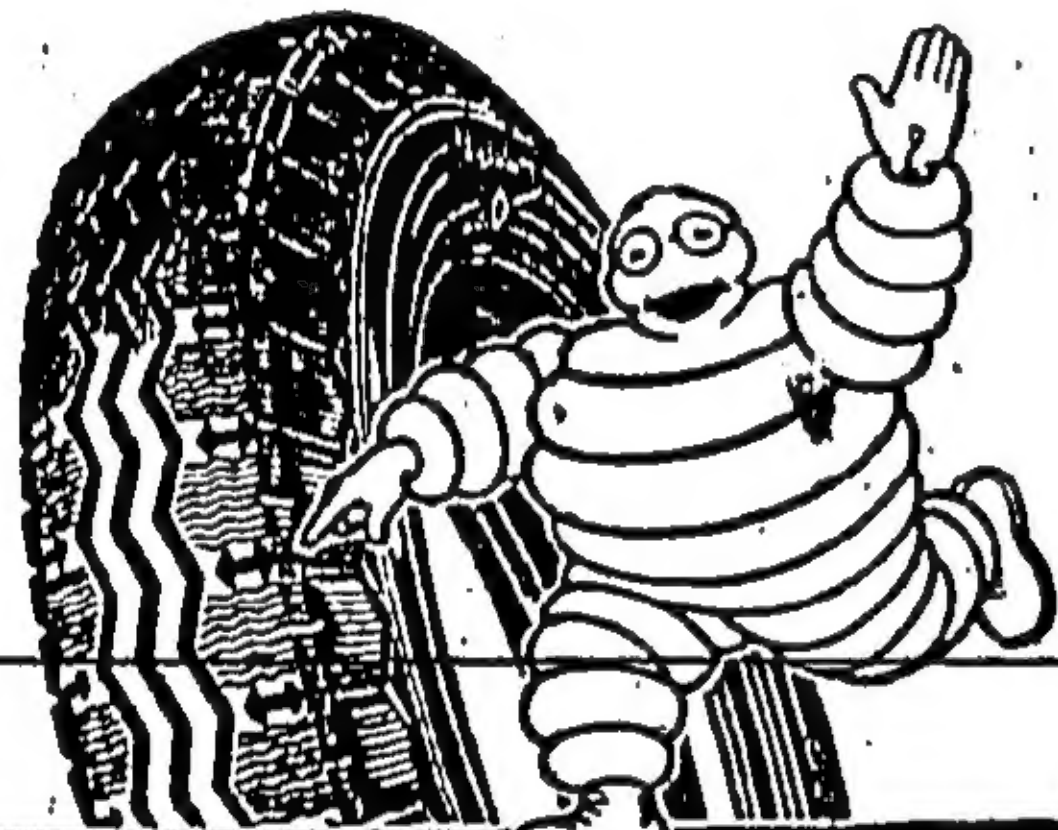
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Long Trial Of Jap Admiral And Associates Will End Today

The four-month long trial of Admiral Tohara Susumu and 16 of his Hainan Prisoner of War Camp associates before the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court at Kowloon City will close today.

After the end of the cross-examination of the last accused by the prosecution, a two-week recess will be held for the preparation of the closing addresses of the prosecution and defence.

The last accused, "Gordon Coventry" Shigetada Otsuki entered the box yesterday and will be cross-examined by Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Div., SCAP (GIHQ), Tokyo, today.

Accused, charged together with his superiors with the ill-treatment of 203 Australian and 237 Dutch POWs in the Hainan POW Camp and causing the death of some 150 prisoners, denied yesterday his alleged "kicking and beating" of Corporal J. Benby while he was guarding the prisoners.

Otsuki, a naval constable, who gained the nickname because of his football prowess, told the four-man tribunal that his foot was caught in a tank-trap before he arrived at the camp and he was then in "no condition to kick people."

When he was guarding the POWs, his Commander told him that being a new recruit he should not carry a rifle but signal flags. Accused said he did so and went to a railway crossing to keep watch over the working POWs.

Waved Flag

On one occasion he noticed a locomotive approaching from the direction of the harbour while he was on guard. Otsuki said he waved a red flag to stop the oncoming train because there were prisoners working on the line. The train did not stop.

Accused said he waved to the prisoners to retreat, but the POWs misunderstood his intention and instead worked harder.

The train, meanwhile, still kept on coming. Accused said he then rushed to the POWs and pushed them off the lines with the handle of his flag. That action to clear the POWs off the line for their safety was the alleged "beating and kicking of the prisoner" accused asserted. When the POWs saw the train they ran off the line themselves, Otsuki said.

The driver saw the flag as he got nearer and stopped, he added. When guarding the prisoners, accused said, he never made them work during recess hours.

"We escorts are the lowest rank of men used and there is a slight similarity in our position to that of the POWs," Otsuki told the Court.

The Court, comprising Lt.-Col. H. C. Guan, D.S.O. (President), Lt.-Col. T. Brock (Judge Advocate), Major N. McCleod and Lieut. R. Carter, adjourned proceedings to today at 9 a.m.

Another Trial

During the two-week recess another war crimes trial against three Japanese officials will be held in the same court in Kowloon City.

Major A. Mackay, Australian Div., (SCAP) GIHQ, Tokyo, will prosecute. The Court will consist of Lt.-Col. F. Pullen (President), with Major J. K. Lloyd, Major N. F. Quinton and Capt. M. Timbale as members.

Accused, who will be represented by a Japanese barrister-at-law with Capt. J. Wogan-Brown, Buffs, acting as Advisory Officer, are Naval Lieut. Minjiam Sagelima, Chief Petty Officer Kenzo Hayama and Shosuke Kohama, a civilian administrator attached to the Naval South Seas Staff.

The three are charged with the murder of the Rev. Leonard Kempish of Dobo, on Arco Island on Feb. 5, 1944.

Another court martial of Japanese alleged war criminals is expected to come up during the recess.

Personalalia

Among passengers by C.P.A. planes were L.G. Day, D. Belchelder, Mrs. M.G. Musket, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Levkovich, S. H. de Kantzow, W. Aboud, W.H. Hilton and P.A. van Agnew (to Sydney); D.O. Wedel, Mr. and Mrs. Hal-Brown, Mr. and Mrs. K.C.R. Bates and A.E. Abong (from Bangkok); W. Mackertich (to Manila) and Mrs. P. Rojas (to Singapore).

The Government has issued the following letter of appreciation to Mr. R.C. Lee for his services as Rice Controller:

"Sir, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to convey to you his very warm thanks for your most valuable service to the Colony as Rice Controller, during the past two years. His Excellency is aware that it has been at considerable cost to your own affairs that you have undertaken these important public responsibilities, which you have discharged with such notable ability and success.

You have placed the community deeply in your debt, the more so as your services have throughout been given in a voluntary capacity.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,
(sd.) D. M. MACDOUGALL,
Colonial Secretary.

R.C. Lee, Esq.,
The Lee Hyean Estate Co. Ltd.,
Alexandra Building, Hong Kong.

Mr. Rees Williams accompanied by Mrs. Rees Williams visited Hong Kong stand at the British Industries Fair on May 13. They admired numerous examples of the Colony's industries. Silk and cotton fabrics attracted much attention, also rubber boots and shoes, needles, huts, and ginger, and many attractive ornaments.

Arrivals from Singapore on Monday by BOAC flying-boat were Mr. Moe Aronstein, Mrs. Yu Keng-yuet, Miss Yik, Master W. A. Eu, Mr. Lionel Mot Soen, Mrs. Annie Tan, Master Lina Tachian, Mrs. Tjong Fook-yin, Master Cedric Eu, Mr. Charles Choy, Mr. J. Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Jio Ah-ion, Mr. Jones and Mr. Hartman.

Departures on Monday for Singapore by BOAC flying-boat were Mr. L.H. Grovobsky, Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Bonnerman, Mr. R. Rutherford, Mr. Yoi Wing, Miss Hip Hoy, Mr. and Mrs. A. Menzies, Miss K. F. Menzies, Rev. P. O'Connor, Mrs. Leong Tai-yin, Mr. Lee Sze-yuen, Lt.-Col. K. E. Millar and Mr. W. Orwin.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—K.J. Marshall, Mrs. H. Lovgreen, Mrs. D.G. Old, Mr. and Mrs. A. Upton, Mrs. D.K. Shipton and Mr. and Mrs. R.H. McKenzie.

Peninsula departures:—Mr. and Mrs. H.W.G. McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. H. Henfield, H.W. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. M.G. St. Walsh, Capt. and Mrs. A.D. Tait, J.S. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Grimm, Mr. and Mrs. R. Prou, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Webb, Dr. D.M. Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. W.C.G. Clifford.

Mackintosh Application Hearing

At yesterday's resumed hearing of the application by Messrs. Mackintosh's Limited, applicants, for an eviction order against Mr. L. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach of Mayo's Shoppe, opponents, in respect of Shop 7C Alexandra Building, Mr. B. A. Bernacchi concluded his arguments on the six primary reasons why it was submitted the opponents had no case to answer.

After Mr. D.A.L. Wright had dealt with the different points raised by Mr. Bernacchi, hearing was adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on June 1.

The case is being heard by Mr. D. L. Strellett, sitting as a Magistrate in Tenancy Tribunal "A" at the Supreme Court.

Mr. Wright, instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, is appearing for the applicants. The opponents are represented by Mr. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y. K. Kan of Messrs. Lo and Lo.

The applicants claim that the opponents were given a temporary monthly tenancy of the premises on condition that they would give up possession of such premises on the return of Mackintosh's.

Opponents contend that their tenancy was not terminable on one month's notice.

'OSCAR' AWARDS DISCUSSION

Members of the committee of the Dramatic Group of the Sino-British Club met last night to work out further details for their proposed "Oscar" award to the various dramatic groups in the Colony.

The Secretary, Lt. Col. E.B. Brainer-Cress, proposed that a representative of each of the active Hong Kong dramatic groups should be elected to serve on the judging committee.

It was agreed that the eleven stage groups would be approached in the matter, and invited to express their opinions and suggestions.

Another committee meeting will be held on June 1 to discuss the proposals.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

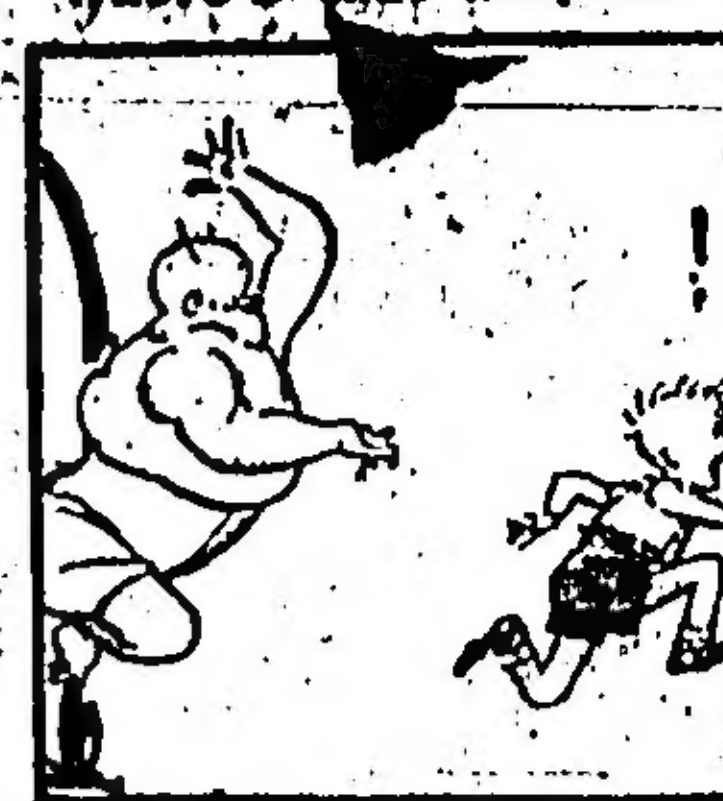
The food and fuel costs for the week ending May 15 issued by the Labour Office, were as follows:

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Rice and Flour	7.2	\$ 3.1000
Vegetables	1.2	.7000
Salt Cabbage	2	.2000
Oil	7	1.5000
Salt Fish	2	.3000
Fish	4	.8000
Pork	3	.7000
Firewood	10.0	.7000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces		.7000
Total		\$12.4020

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Where's that harpoon!



Readers' Letters

Important Issues

Sir,—Two important, but obviously neglected, issues were raised in your leader on M.T. Episodes and in Mr. H.G.W. Woodhead's article on Four Who Did Not Come Back (Sunday Herald, May 10).

Since the Liberation those who followed the ideology of Karl Marx and Josef Stalin have found Hong Kong an excellent base. There are good and real reasons for them, some of them very honourable. So long as the Kremenlin has not yet regarded Downing Street and the British Empire and Commonwealth as bad, as aggressive and as imperialistic as they were considered twenty five years ago, these democrats and liberals, who never disagreed with Moscow's purges and oppression of opposition cliques and non-Marxist front men, would not disapprove of the Colony's way of administration.

Once Comrade Molotov blames Bevin, who is really more pro-British by looks and by origin than the Russian premier and apostle, as anti-democratic, England and all she stands for would be condemned here as if a verdict of the Soviet Supreme Court has been pronounced.

Mainly because of the attempted control of thought by the Kremenlin and the failure of Hong Kong's educational policy, propaganda to keep up with time, vernacular schools and bookshops are full of stuff glorifying nothing but Bolshevism and anti-Anglo-Americanism.

Added to such abnormality is the popularity of Russian films in which distinct anti-Anglo-Saxon ideals are incorporated. The running away to Shumchun of twelve boys and the hanging of portraits of Lenin and Stalin in Chinese schools here, as pointed out by you are the natural consequence of such education.

Unequal distribution of wealth and severe hardships sustained from the results of China's economic blockade are probably other factors that led to the exodus of youths and disappointed males persons here in Hong Kong to seek Utopia among the Red Stars.

Mr. Woodhead raised another question—the constant disregard by China's de jure government of Hong Kong's independence and the silence of the Colony has been very strange and detrimental. Following the alleged execution of four Shumchun boys in Shumchun are quite a few tales damaging to Anglo-Chinese friendship. One is the news that China's secret police actually visited and threatened parents and relations of the executed youngsters.

Another, almost known all over the town, as published in the vernacular press, is that the alleged seizure of 19 pounds of gold bars at Shumchun by the Chinese Maritime Customs actually took place at Shumchun.

Racial discrimination is still in existence to a certain extent and discouraging cooperation. Mr. Woodhead's thesis was in fact pointed out sometime ago by your correspondent "An Ex-Kuomintang." As he was a Chinese, very little attention was paid to him by "Hwa Shing Pao."

Perhaps this is another reason why Leftists are influential. They speak and copy what the masses want. I am very happy to see that Mr. Woodhead's recent writings are touching the interests of the whole people. If all diehards and old China Hands are following his line, things would be more pleasant. We who were tortured by the Kremenlin surely understand him.

C. L. LING

"Might Be A Bit Sour"

To the Unknown Briton,—I read your article in the "Sunday Herald," and was rather in a strait to know whether you could possibly really feel or think others would feel this way or if you might just be a bit sour on the world in general.

Now, first let me tell you I am an American. Mother holding three gold stars, having two boys and a girl who gave their lives in this last war. All were enlisted and two died on your English soil and lie there now. The other out in the Pacific Waters—somewhere I have a nephew lying in Bataan where he fell—two nieces served as nurses but came home.

In World War I, my husband and two brothers went to the front and fought in France. One brother did not return but one came back, shellshocked.

Now I am proud of that family's service. We felt we needed to help and we gave. I want you to know there are not only milks, Browns and Robinsons, but—G. Jock and Marines and Navy Gobs as well as nurses and Air Corps blood calling from the ground on your soils as well as others.

We never have felt that we keep the peace of the World and never will, because you in Britain, nor we in America, cannot bring peace, only The Son of the Living God can do that. You, as well as we, have and will make a mess of things unless we let Him do the Job.

Yes, you have been called greedy oppressors but you know from past experience, that we will be treated likewise and have been in the past too, so what does that matter if we can face Him who knows the very intent of every heart.

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Portuguese Literature

Mr. Salinas de Moura, a senior official of the Portuguese Treasury Service last night gave a lecture entitled "The Romance of Portuguese Colonial Literature," to members of the Portuguese Institute in the Club Lusitano.

Dr. Rodrigues, Chairman of the Institute, introduced the speaker and said that Mr. de Moura is a prominent writer who has contributed to newspapers and magazines in Portugal and the Colonies on literary and other subjects. He had also written several books, among them novels and short stories, and had lectured on literature, philosophy and art in the Mother Country as well as the Portuguese Colonies in Africa.

Mr. de Moura arrived in Macao last year and is at present attached to the Treasury there. He came to Hong Kong yesterday to speak at the Club Lusitano.

The wedding of Mr. Lev Ignatievich Ovsinnikoff, Marine Officer, residing at No. 188 Nathan Road and Miss Tatiana Vsevolodovna Korobnikoff, accountant, of No. 25 Kiangwan Road, Shanghai, has been announced and will be held shortly.

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General Committee election, H.K. Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, p.m.
Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m.
Guest Morning, Flag Whist, Ladies' Section, European Y.M.C.A., 10 a.m.
Toe H Club, screening of film on Blood Transfusion, Talbot House, 20, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Y's Men Club Luncheon, Roof Garden, "H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Chinese Native Dances by Work-Children's Schools, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Annual General Meeting of V.D.M.A., St. John's Cathedral Hall, 4.30 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Union Insurance Society of Canton, annual general meeting, Union Bldg., 11.40 a.m.

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FEAT INC. CLAIM EXCESSIVE DAMAGES AWARDED AGAINST IT

Judgment was reserved yesterday by the Full Court comprising Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice J. Reynolds (Appeal Judge), on an appeal by the Far Eastern Air Transport Inc. appellants, against the quantum of damages awarded to the Hong Kong and Canton Export Co., Ltd., respondents, in an action for breach of contract.

It was contended by appellants that the sum of \$145,000 awarded to respondents as damages by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), on Mar. 6, 1946, was excessive.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. Zimmerman of Messrs. F. Zimmerman & Co., appeared for the appellants.

The respondents were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks of Messrs. Hastings & Co.

The contract under which the respondents claimed damages was dated January 1, 1947, under which appellants employed respondents as their sole agents in Hong Kong for transacting their air transport business here and also for performing various other services for appellants. Under the terms of the contract, respondents' employment should have continued until December 31, 1947, and that by way of remuneration and salary, respondents should have received five per cent of the gross receipts on passenger and freight service. Respondents claimed that in breach of the contract, appellants in or about May, 1947, sold their business, and ceased to employ them.

In a statement of defence which was filed, appellants denied that they were in breach of the contract or that they had sold their business. They admitted that

Basic Figure

In a lengthy submission for appellants, during which he referred to figures which had been put before the Court when the issue of damages was heard, Mr. d'Almada said that the Court could not look at the figures of non-competitive lines in assessing damages, because these covered different routes and there was no indication as to the income. The basic figure for calculating damages was not \$187,000 but \$175,000. It would be misleading to take the last four months of 1947.

Mr. d'Almada said that the Trial Judge could not have given consideration to the reduction in passenger fares. He quoted legal authorities in support of appellants' contentions.

Replying for respondents, Mr. Sheldon said that the application to be heard on damages was brought in late, as the case had already ended. It was a great concession and the application was granted out of a desire to be just. Appellants' representative was asked to arrive in the Colony and it was disappointing that he did not assist the Court on the subject of damages. Mr. Sheldon also referred to the fact that there had been articles concerning P. A. L.'s second birthday, and the profits. In conclusion, Mr. Sheldon submitted that if anything, the damages awarded were little.

Judgment was reserved.

Told The Wrong Story

His "story" cost a 32-year-old hawker \$200 more after being arrested and charged with hawking without a licence and obstruction last Sunday morning.

Yu Hon was fined \$80 on the first count and \$200 for giving false information to the police. He was cautioned on the obstruction charge.

Yu was arrested for hawking without a licence and obstruction in Tung Choi Street near Butte Street. At the station he informed the Inspector in charge that a Chinese man asked him for 20 cents for the "Kung Sze Yan" (Crown man), whom he did not identify.

Yu said that the collector usually came to the stall between 8 and 9 a.m. Defendant was given back his wages and police observation kept for an hour. No man came to collect.

Later at the station, when further questioned, Yu told the police that a 16-year-old boy had asked him for 20 cents. It was apparent that defendant had made up the allegation to escape arrest.

Yu was fined \$200 or two months imprisonment, by Mr. Blair-Kerr when he was brought up to Court at Kowloon yesterday.

Trickster Sentenced

Pleading guilty to four charges of larceny by trick, Wong Lam, 27, Electric Road, was sentenced to three months on each count, sentences to run concurrently, with a recommendation for banishment, by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

In passing sentence, Mr. d'Almada said the offences had been well planned and carried out systematically.

Wong was found guilty of having collected \$370 from Young Wah-pul, a dozen sports shirts valued at \$85 and a dozen pairs of sports stockings valued at \$150 from the China Emporium, and three bags of rice valued at \$445 from the Wing Fung rice dealers. On all four occasions he represented himself as having been sent by the South China Athletic Association.

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Mother Wants Nothing More To Do With Him

"I have seen his mother and she wants nothing more to do with him," said Inspector R. MacKenzie, prosecuting Leung Kwong Fuk, 17, student, at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Hin Shing Lo on a charge of larceny, of \$910 from Pook Pok Chi.

Defendant pleaded "Guilty" and was sentenced to three months hard labour. Inspector MacKenzie said that \$151 had been recovered.

Appearing at the same time as Leung was Hector Summers, 28, on a charge of knowing that a felony had been committed but did assist the felon to evade arrest.

Represented by Mr. Peter Sin, Summers pleaded "Not guilty." June 10 was fixed as the date for hearing.

Democratic League Members Protest

The China Democratic League in Hong Kong disclosed yesterday that two of their leading members in Sumatra have gone on a hunger strike in protest against an expulsion order against them by the Dutch authorities.

A statement released by the League last night added:

"On the two, Mr. Fee Chen-tung, is a brother of Dr. Fee Hsin-tung, a sociologist of world fame now professor of the Tsing Hua University in Peking, who is also a member of the League.

"The other, Mr. Shao Chung-han, is an outstanding journalist, editor of the Democratic Daily, a Chinese language newspaper in Medan. Both Fee and Shao fled to Sumatra from Singapore in 1942 before the Japanese occupied the East Indies island.

"Reports received here reveal that the Dutch government, at the request of the Chinese Kuomintang government's consul in Medan, ordered them to be expelled and handed over to the Chinese Government.

"The leaders of the China Democratic League have sent a protest to the Dutch Consul-General in Hong Kong. They are planning to wire appeals to the democratic leaders of various Western countries for their support."

Severity Appeal Dismissed

An appeal by Yip Yuen, 35, owner of a lorry, against severity of sentence passed on him by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistracy on Feb. 28 for larceny of bricks, was dismissed yesterday by the Mr. T. J. Gould, Puisne Judge, who said the sentence of six months' imprisonment was very reasonable in the circumstances.

"Yip was convicted for larceny of 1,760 bricks, the property of the P.W.D. from the Old Hung-hom Police Station site, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment while the driver of his lorry, Wong Yau, was sentenced at the same time on an aiding and abetting charge to three months."

Mr. C.A.S. Russ appeared for Yip at the appeal, and the Crown was represented by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel.

TOO MANY NEEDLESS INJURIES

"Every week people come here with broken arms and injured heads. They have got to be more careful," Mrs. Latimer remarked when he fined 18-year-old Leung Chi-pui, who appeared at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday charged with alighting from a moving bus, when he sustained slight head injuries.

Inspector Orem told the Court that defendant jumped off when the vehicle slowed down to 2 m.p.h. towards a stop near Public Square Street, on Nathan Road. He lost his balance and fell.

Leung was fined \$15.

A routine search of bus passengers in the Chatham Road on Monday night proved fruitful when a Chinese was found to have tied round his thigh 2.5 tins of raw opium.

Charged with illegal possession, Chung Man, a 38-year-old travelling trader, appeared at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday and was fined \$250 by Mr. Latimer.

BY ALEX RAYMOND



ARMY DRIVER FINED FOR CARELESS DRIVING

Pte. J. K. Thomas was fined \$40 by Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday for driving a truck without due care and caution at Des Voeux Road on March 3.

Mr. Donald Black said that his car was in the outside lane of two lanes of traffic waiting to proceed West along Des Voeux Road. Immediately in front of him was a large Army truck No. A3576. Apparently to give room to a vehicle proceeding along Des Voeux Road in a westerly direction, and without warning or observing whether the way was clear, the Army truck proceeded to back.

He sounded his horn but was unable to back as there was a car immediately behind him driven by the acting Postmaster-General, Mr. J.H.B. Lee. After striking his car and damaging the new wing and headlight, the truck moved forward and cut across the inside line of traffic.

No Warning
In the process of his manoeuvre he crashed into a car driven by Dr. Mackie, whose car happened to be the first on the inside lane. The truck then attempted to back again without warning or observing this position, and witness jumped out of his car and informed the driver of what was happening. At no time did the driver attempt to move from his seat from where he had a very poor vision, if any, of what was happening behind.

Witness pulled out and entered Des Voeux Road and stopped after fifty yards, intending to get particulars from the driver concerned. Defendant followed into Des Voeux Road and without waiting to enquire the extent of the damage or offer help, proceeded in the direction of Jackson Road.

Illegal Radio Station Raided

Charged with possession and maintaining a radio communication set at No. 200 Lockhart Road, second floor, Chan Pui, Ma Ping-hung and Tsui Kwok-ching, all of the above address were arraigned before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday and after evidence had been given by the Police Officer who conducted the raid, further hearing was adjourned to 3.30 p.m. on July 7.

Mr. D.H.B. Grew of the Government Radio Office prosecuted while Mr. C.A. Sutherland Russ acted for all defendants.

All defendants were charged with maintaining a radio communication station without a licence at No. 200 Lockhart Road, second floor, and possession of a radio communication apparatus without a licence.

Mr. Russ pleaded guilty on the first charge for the first defendant and not guilty to the second charge and not guilty to all charges for the second and third defendants.

Detective Inspector Hui Hung Cheong said that at 3.00 p.m. on April 18 he raided No. 200 Lockhart Road, second floor, accompanied by a radio inspector.

He said that in answer to his knock at the door a Chinese male peeped through a hole and when informed they were police officers, the man closed the hole and went away.

The door was forced open and a transmitting set, (exhibited in court), code book and message forms were found.

All three defendants were on the premises and in the front cubicle and in a drawer were found a pair of pliers, a screw driver and two keys.

In the second cubicle, claimed by third defendant as his, was discovered a diary.

At the time of the raid first defendant disclaimed knowledge of the radio set.

Hearing was adjourned to 3.30 p.m. on July 7.

The eighth Antique Dealers' Fair & Exhibition, is being held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W.I. from the 10th to the 25th June, 1946, part of the proceeds being devoted to the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund and the British Antique Dealers' Association.

Caught "Snatch" Thief

The public-spiritedness of N. J. Ritchie resulted in the arrest of a "snatch and run" thief and the saving of Miss H. Azvedo's handbag on Sunday night at Prince Edward Road near Sterling Road.

Miss Azvedo was waiting for a bus when Wong Ping-kwong, 32, unemployed, snatched her handbag, containing articles and cash worth \$15, and ran off.

Ritchie who was passing by caught the thief in Argyle Street near the Military Camp.

Appearing in the dock at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday Wong was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour on the larceny charge and six weeks for breach of deportation order, the terms to run concurrently, by Mr. Blair-Kerr. He was also ordered to be given 12 strokes.

Defendant, who had two previous convictions, pleaded guilty. He was not represented legally.

Tobacco Smugglers Imprisoned

Two "obvious members of a gang of smugglers" appeared in the dock at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday charged with possession of 54 lb. of Chinese dutiable tobacco.

The tobacco, Inspector Orem told the Court, apparently had been dropped from an in-coming Canton train. The men were arrested near the King's Park railway bridge. The two parcels were dropped off at that point to escape the customs at the KCR Station.

Li Yeung, 28, and Chui Yum, 27, pleading guilty, were sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment without a fine, while the tobacco was ordered confiscated.

Appeal Application Dismissed

An application for leave to appeal against conviction by Chan Cheong, who was found guilty by Judge at the March Criminal Sessions on a charge of rape and sentenced to four years' hard labour, was dismissed yesterday by a Full Court comprising Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge).

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. C. Downman, appeared for the Crown. The accused was not legally represented.

Dismissal of the application, Mr. Justice Williams said that there was no reason why the application should be granted, as the facts of the case were before the jury.

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NOTICE

HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

A General Meeting of the Hong Kong Stage Club will be held in the King George's Hall, Missions to Seamen, 40, Gloucester Road, at 8.30 p.m. (Tomorrow), Wednesday, 19th May, 1948.

Business: Report on Year's work. Presentation of a Financial Report. Election of Committee for 1948-49.

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New Proposal For A Truce?

London, May 17.

Britain will not recognise the new Jewish State in Palestine as long as the military situation is as fluid as at present, it was learned here today.

A Foreign Office spokesman denied that any request for recognition had been received from Mr. Moshe Shertok, the Jewish Foreign Minister.

"In considering the matter," he said, "Britain will apply the ordinary standards of international law, which require of the State applying for recognition the establishment of a functioning administration, a statement on the precise frontiers of the new State, and the acceptance of normal international obligations."

He indicated that, in the British view, Israel has not so far fulfilled these conditions.

The Foreign Office spokesman added that the British Dominions were being informed of this attitude. He denied reports that Britain was contemplating the appointment of political agents in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Sir Hugh Dow, who is due to take up his post as British plenipotentiary in Palestine as a whole, has not yet left London for Jerusalem.

Israel's Fate

A usually well-informed source indicated today that Britain's diplomatic interest in Palestine is now concentrated on reintroducing a truce in Jerusalem.

Britain is likely soon to submit new proposals to this end to the Security Council at Lake Success.

Political quarters in London believe that the prospects of the survival of the three-day old Jewish State depend on two factors:—the Arab drive on Tel

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 12th day of June 1948.

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Dated the 18th day of May, 1948.

WILKINSON & GRIST,

Solicitors for the Administratrix of the estate of the abovesigned deceased.

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Reds Recognise Jewish State

Moscow, May 17.

Russia tonight officially recognised the new, born State of Israel following the United States and Guatemala, who have already done so.

Moscow Radio broadcast in full Mr. Moshe Shertok, the Jewish Foreign Minister's, appeal of last night for recognition of the new State. Moscow Radio gave the text of the telegram received by M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, from the Foreign Minister of the Provisional Government of Israel as follows:

"I have the honour to communicate to you and to ask you to pass on to your Government that the National Council of the Jewish State, consisting of members elected by the representative organisations of the Jews in Palestine, met yesterday, May 14, in connection with the ending of the British mandate, and, on the basis of the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly of Nov. 29, 1947, proclaimed the establishment of an independent Jewish State in Palestine which will be called the State of Israel."

Recognition. M. Molotov informed Mr. Shertok that "the Government of the USSR has decided to extend official recognition to the State of Israel and to its Provisional Government," the Radio said.

Public interest in events there has been great, and Yugoslav papers have been carrying full reports of the fighting and diplomatic developments, though there has been no comment in the semi-official press.

From Bucharest, meanwhile, reports state that Jewish demonstrations to celebrate the setting up of the new Jewish state were put off as the Rumanian Government is waiting for further developments before making any decision about recognition. -Reuter.

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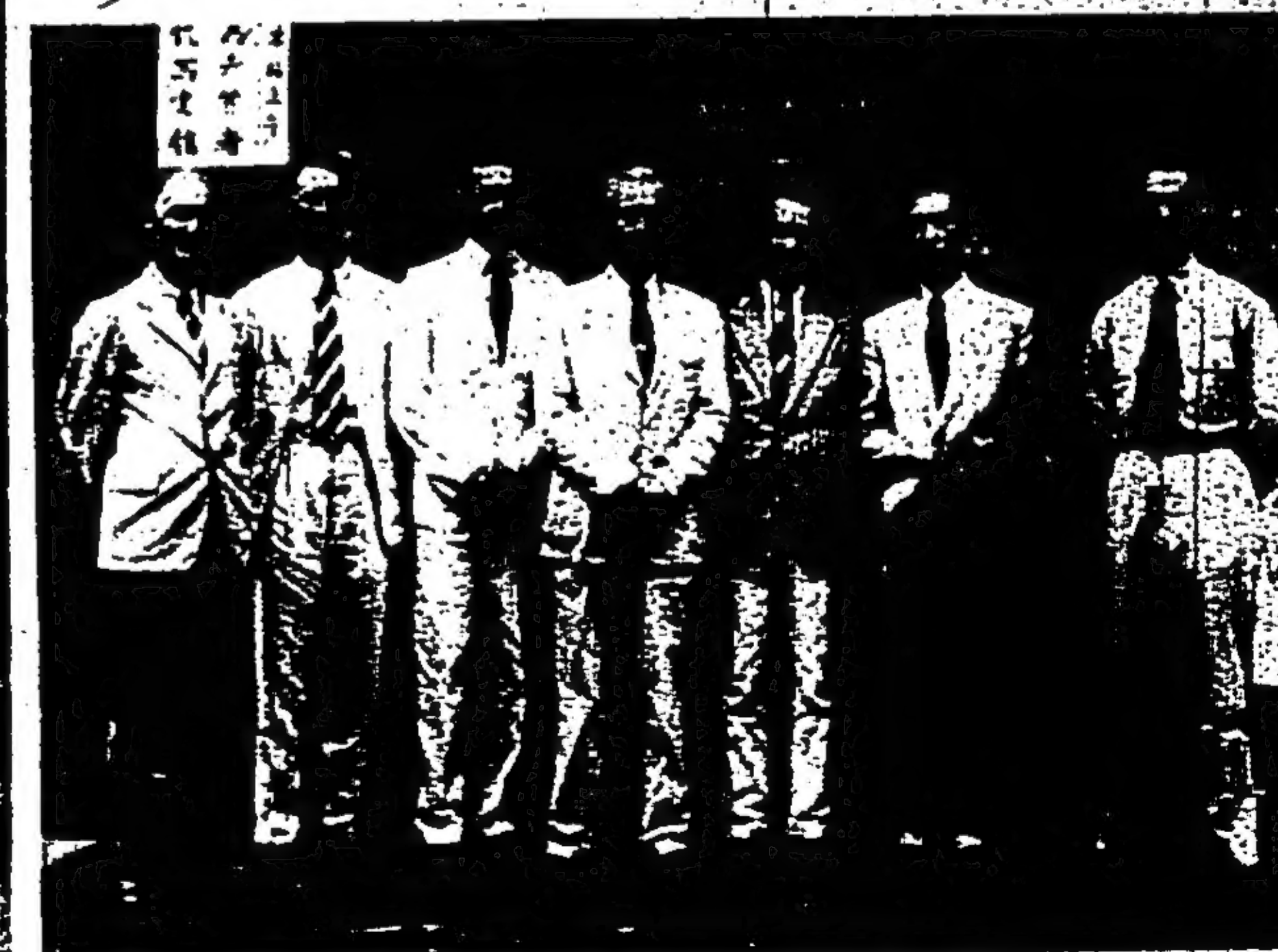
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HONG KONG AT THE BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.—A view of the Hong Kong Stall, showing the attractive arrangement of the Colony's exhibits at the B.I.F. which came to an end towards the end of last week.



CONFIRMATION SERVICE.—The Bishop of Hong Kong, the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, with the Rev. J. H. Ogilvie, Vicar, and the Rev. Dr. Harth after the recent confirmation service at St. Andrew's Church.



YAUMATEI KITCHEN.—Dr. Parron and Dr. Lakshmanan took a keen interest in Hong Kong's social welfare work during their recent visit to the Colony. Above they are seen (third and fourth from left) with local officials. (Mayfair Studio)



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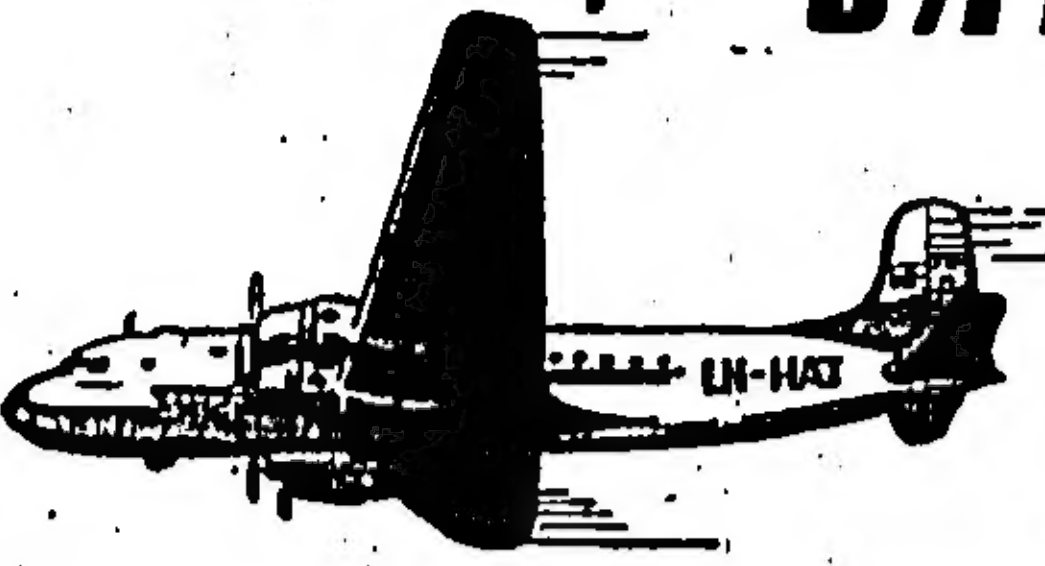


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STALIN ANSWERS WALLACE

Soviet Union Readiness To Negotiate Programme 'Basis For Agreement'

London, May 17.

Prime Minister Josef Stalin said tonight that Russia is ready, if the United States is willing, to negotiate the difference between the two nations on the basis of recent proposals to him by Henry A. Wallace.

Stalin was replying to Mr. Wallace's "open letter" which the Third Party Presidential candidate addressed to the Russian Prime Minister at a recent political rally in New York. Stalin's answer was broadcast by the Moscow radio and distributed here by the Soviet monitor.

"I do not know whether the United States Government approves of Mr. Wallace's programme as a basis for agreement between the USSR and the United States," Stalin said. "As far as the Government of the USSR is concerned it considers that Mr. Wallace's programme could serve as a good and fruitful basis for such an agreement and for the development of international cooperation."

Prime Minister Stalin contrasted Mr. Wallace's detailed proposals for settling major Russian-American differences with the "inadequacy" of the diplomatic exchanges between the two Governments begun on May 4. At that time, U.S. Ambassador Walter R. Smith and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov talked in Moscow on U.S.-Soviet relations.

"Most Important"

"The important meaning of the (Wallace's) open letter consists in the fact that it does not limit itself to a declaration, but goes further, makes a serious step forward and gives a concrete programme for the peaceful settlement of differences between the USSR and the United States," Prime Minister Stalin said.

Stalin termed Mr. Wallace's letter "the most important document" among the political documents of recent times which have the consolidation of peace as their aim.

The letter, he said, did not embrace all the points of difference between the two major powers and it could not be said that certain parts of it "do not need to be improved."

The Proposals

Stalin said the Soviet Government considered the "co-existence" of the United States and Russian systems as both possible and necessary, despite the difference in the economic systems and ideologies.

Stalin listed Wallace's proposals as:

- 1—A general reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic weapons.
- 2—Conclusion of peace treaties with Japan and Germany and the question of evacuation of troops from those countries.
- 3—Evacuation of troops from China and Korea.
- 4—Respect for the sovereignty of individual countries and non-interference in their internal affairs.
- 5—The inadmissibility of military bases in member countries of the United Nations.
- 6—World development of international trade, excluding any sort of discrimination in the framework of United Nations assistance to and economic restoration of countries which suffered in the war.
- 7—The defence of Democracy and ensuring of civil rights in all countries, "and so on," Stalin added.—Associated Press.

UK Drought Has Experts Puzzled

London, May 18.

British weather, which has perplexed every visitor, has even the experts puzzled now. They are puzzled by a drought which has gripped these islands since last June. The experts said it is the worst in 101 years with the exception of the dry spell in 1921.

In October—traditionally the wettest month of the year when rivers and underground springs should be filled—the rainfall average over England and Wales was 18 per cent of normal. Over Scotland it was just 50 per cent.

Now, says the Ministry of Agriculture, wells and springs over a large section of Britain are at a "dangerously low level." The Thames, which should show a natural flow of 1,400,000,000 gallons a day, is down to 600,000,000.

Below Average

A Meteorological Office official said:

"During the winter we should have had an abundance of rain. Instead, every month except January was below average. It will need very heavy rain for days now to make up the losses and prevent a serious drought this summer."

A Metropolitan Water Board official said:

"Things look serious. We are taking London's water supply from the Thames—some 200,000,000 gallons a day. If warm weather comes, consumption may go up as much as 100,000,000 gallons daily, and if the level of the water drops we may have to introduce restrictions."

The Ministry of Agriculture is already putting into effect plans for combating a summer drought. Committees are arranging for water to be transported to farmers. In particularly dry areas, ponds are being deepened, and streams and small rivers dammed.—Associated Press.

NEW SQUADRON FOR MED

Washington, May 17.

The Navy announced today that it was relieving the 14-ship U. S. Squadron in the Mediterranean and replacing it with 12 other ships.—Associated Press.

TRUMAN ACTION APPROVED

Washington, May 17.

Republicans and Democrats in the Senate today joined in approving President Truman's swift action in recognising the new State of Israel and called for the lifting of the embargo on arms for the Jewish State.

Condemning Egypt for sending troops into Palestine, Senator Owen Brewster (Republican, Maine), urged that the United Nations should bring pressure to bear on Egypt to prevent her from destroying the prestige of the United Nations.

He criticised the bombing of the "open city of Tel Aviv" and said: "It is a strange thing that Egypt could not join the Allies in the fight for freedom, yet it sees fit to use its forces to invade Palestine."

Senator Irving Ives (Democrat, New York) said the United States should "see the realities of the situation and accept the challenge of making Israel live." The arms embargo should be lifted and the fullest possible recognition and sympathy extended to Israel, he said.

Senator R. O'Connor (Democrat, Maryland), appealing for consistency, said: "We cannot continue to welcome the new Jewish State on the one hand and on the other prevent it from obtaining the means of defence which alone will permit her to win through this critical period of her existence." "Israel deserves the opportunity to prove her ability to stand among the nations of the world as a sovereign state,"—Reuter.

Briton Made Jap Bishop

Tokyo, May 18.

Maj. John Brinkley, British officer attached to the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, has been appointed Gonsojo, or bishop, by the Tendai Sect of the Buddhist faith, the Tokyo news agency reported today.

Maj. Brinkley, son of Capt. Brinkley, formerly a volunteer in the Japanese Government, has been studying Buddhism for many years. It was stated.

The document granting him appointment was handed to him in a recent ceremony at the Asakusa Temple by the Archbishop.—Reuter.

Woman M.P. Challenged

London, May 17.

Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, was challenged today to prove that she is an expert on handling fish.

Dr. Summerskill complained recently to the House of Commons that British trawlers treat their catches carelessly.

Skipper G. Noble, of Grimsby, has written her as follows:

"May I suggest that you go on a fishing trip with me to the North Sea for the purpose of instructing my mate and crew in the art of stowing away fish. I suggest about February next."

"Please bring your winter woollies.—Associated Press.

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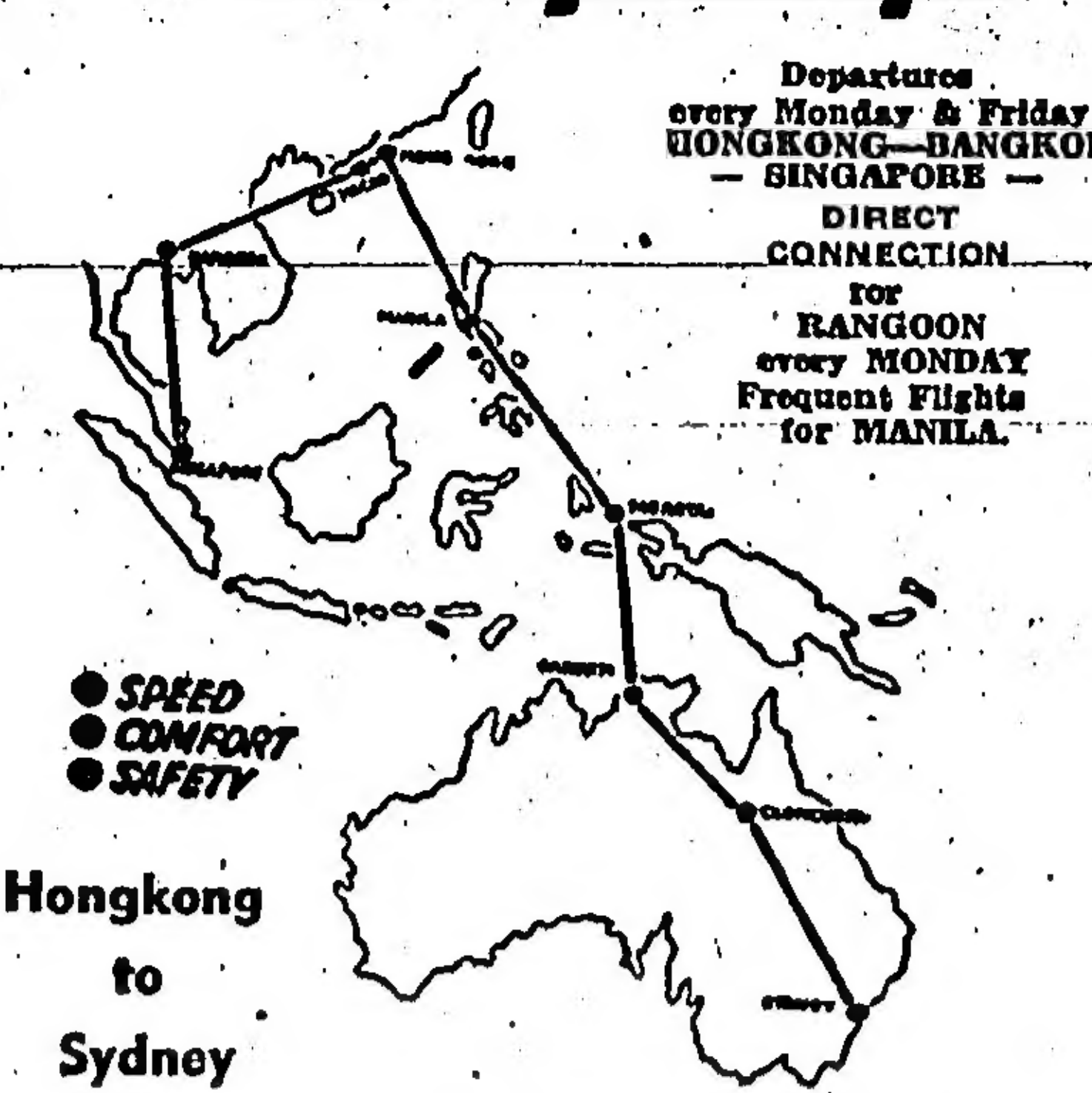
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George Polk Murder

Athens, May 17.

The Salonika public prosecutor said today a reward of 23,000,000 drachmas (about £850), would be given to anyone discovering or contributing to the discovery of the murderers of Mr. George Polk, the American radio correspondent.

Mr. Polk's body was washed up on the shore at Salonika yesterday.

During a search of Mr. Polk's hotel rooms, the public prosecutor found a letter written by the correspondent to a friend in New York saying he had been trying ever since last December to contact General Markos, the guerrilla leader, to record an interview.—Reuter.

BUTTERFLY MAN DEAD

London, May 17.

The Natural History Museum in Kensington disclosed today that its butterfly expert, Mr. Alexander Corbet, died on a butterfly hunt. Mr. Corbet was 51 years of age.

Officials said he collapsed after capturing an extremely rare specimen.—United Press.

SEEKING PHILIPPINE TRADE


Shanghai, May 18.

The large Chinese Portland Cement Company in Tientsin is seeking to develop export trade with the Philippines, due to the stagnant domestic market, according to Chinese reports.

Construction activities in China have been greatly affected by the high labour costs, hence the demand for cement is steadily declining.—United Press.

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

Back For A Spell In
The British Isles

Tuesday.
England is the water lapping against the sides of the great ship. It is the harbour lights of Southampton, the velvet evening, the sound of English voices on the quay.

The Queen Elizabeth is tying up in her home port but the 2,205 passengers who have sailed in her from New York are not permitted to land until tomorrow.

The voyage will be marked down in the log as "routine." I would call it something else. Solid days of fog and suffocating humidity. The air is thick with the sound of the rain and the mist shrouding the boat decks and driving people into the lounges, the bars, the smoke-rooms.

The ship's master, Captain C. M. Ford, a giant of a man, tells me solemnly that Atlantic weather is never good any more, but point out that at least the sea has been calm.

Most of the time during the five-and-a-half-day voyage the captain has been on the bridge and has rarely appeared at the table in the big, glittering restaurant which is a strange mixture of a Lyons Corner House, the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel lounge, and the foyer of Radio City Music Hall.

The Americans, the South Americans, and the Indians like the chromium plating and the vast mirrors, but the British, who are always inclined to disapprove their prodigious achievements, suggest they are rather garish.

No arresting news has been made on this trip, but I can report some sensational views.

Boyd Orr's Views

The most important talk I had was in the smoking-room with Sir John Boyd Orr, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation and one of Britain's most distinguished men.

Bushy-browed, earnest Sir John let me and America and the world have it.

"American talks about Russian invasion of the world, but the United States herself has vetoed—and therefore destroyed—the world plan to feed the world," he said.

"We had the blueprint and we were ready to go, ahead. Then America said 'No.'"

"Only co-operation of all the nations could fill the people's stomachs, but the United States wasn't having any."

"America is scared stiff not only of Communism but of Socialism. She is frightened to death, and in this duel with Russia is making one mistake after another."

Out Of Date

"The stupidity of men is incredible. All this talk about the atomic bomb is out of date. World hunger is far greater danger to civilization and mankind than the atomic bomb could ever be."

"Full stomachs are the answer to Communism, but the United States won't, or can't, understand this."

"In any case, bacteriological warfare makes the atom bomb obsolete. Germs have been developed which could wipe out all the peoples everywhere."

"If only Britain would assume the moral leadership of the world, which she is so well fitted to do."

"We should give up playing politics and stand by our ideals and Liberalism. Already Britain is the admiration of all countries everywhere because of the way we have handled the food problem at home."

"The way our people have stood up to adversity, the stability of our system have been miraculous in the view of other nations."

"But we need statesmen—new, forward-looking brains."

I asked about the food prospects at home, and Sir John answered:

"If the 1948 harvests are good, and it depends, of course, on the weather, then bread-rationing at home will be scrapped."

"However, it will take two to three, perhaps four to five, years before we get our needed amount of milk, meat, and fish. It is no use being optimistic."

Most of the time I spent with Leo Genn, the barrister who became a brilliant actor, the playwright Chatham Strode and his lovely wife, and Geoffrey Winn, film writer and ex-columnist.

Hurt Feelings

Chatham Strode is rather grievous about the Diary. "You shouldn't report that Americans something stub out their cigarettes in the gutter; it creates anti-American feeling," he complains.

"Your column caused some terrible arguments over the breakfast table."

"I think you should report on the wonderfully generous, charming, and polite characteristics of the Americans, not play up their faults."

Winn was aghast at Evelyn Waugh's recent biting satire on Hollywood's cemeteries.

"It's a brutal thing to do. Here Waugh accepts Hollywood's hospitality, goes to their parties, meets everyone, drinks their wine, eats their food, and then goes away and writes this savage piece."

"Hollywood is becoming rather tired of being slapped in the face by visiting British writers."

Strange Mission

The passenger with the strangest mission—she was at the Staff Captain's table, at which I also sat—was an American grandmother, Mrs. Halsted Park.

When I asked her what her plans were, she said: "I'm going to India to buy six elephants and some lions and tigers for the Ringling Circus."

Well, tonight we are docked in Southampton. It's good to be back home.

Bangkok, May 17.
The Government has suspended all gold transactions in order to recover the remaining three-fourths of the US\$2,000,000 gold shipment which was stolen in last Wednesday's hold-up.

Criminal Investigation Department agents were sent to the northern and eastern frontiers to block trucks reported to be trying to transport gold from the country.

Press reports said ten cases of gold already had crossed the frontier at Aranya Prades, on the Siamese-Indochina border.

Bangkok gold brokers were ordered to present an immediate inventory of their stocks.

The Government has offered a US\$500,000 reward for the recovery of the gold, the largest reward offered in the history of Siam.—United Press.

Vatican City, May 17.
Pope Pius XII today received members of the International Automobile Association convened in Rome for the 50th Anniversary of the Italian Automobile Club.

The group included Viscount Rohar, International President; Lord and Lady Howe, England; Count De Liedekerke Beaufort, France; and the Duke of Ursel, Belgium.—Associated Press.

London, May 17.
A 50-year-old British administrator, Sir Hubert Rance, who was Governor of Burma until he achieved independence in January, is to be responsible for the development of the British West Indies.

He has been appointed chairman of a standing committee of representatives of the legislatures of the British Caribbean colonies which is to make recommendations about closer association of those colonies.

A conference at Montego Bay, Jamaica, last September, recommended the creation of this committee.—Reuter.

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Britain's
City Of
Scientists

Bedford, May 17.
Britain's "city of scientists"—a huge research station to centralise all British experiments in supersonic flight—is under rapid construction near here.

It will cost £20,000,000, and will ultimately have a staff of 8,000, of whom about 1,400 will be scientists. Although some equipment will be ready for work within a few months, it is estimated that the station will not be completed until 1952.

The two main items in the plan are a wind tunnel capable of operating at roughly 1,400 miles an hour, twice the speed of sound, and a giant runway, five miles long and 600 yards wide.

Winds tunnels, in which model planes will be tested, need such an immense amount of power to drive their fans and keep them cool that, when working at peak load, the Bedford station will use the same horse-power as a city the size of Manchester, with a population of nearly three-quarters of a million.

Directing the station's scientific experiments is Mr. W. G. Ferriss, a wartime "back-room boy" whose investigations and reconstructions largely helped the Allies to learn how Hitler's V-2 rockets worked.—Reuter.

Violence In
Car Factory

Detroit, May 17.
Two policemen were injured today in fist fighting and stone-throwing outside one of the 16 Chrysler motor factories involved in a six-day old strike here.

A new strike, involving 90 General Motors Corporation factories employing 225,000 workers, was threatened today.

The injured police were taken to hospital. Extra guards of state police were called to help local police quell the first major violence of the strike.

Mr. T. A. Johnstone, Acting Director of the General Motors Division of the United Automobile Workers, said here that there was "a very good possibility" of a walkout of 225,000 men on May 28, when their present contract expires.—Reuter.

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London, May 17.

The warmest and sunniest Whit Monday in 38 years today sent millions of Britons to seaside resorts and the suburban countryside.

Other thousands flocked out of London where the midday temperature hovered past 73 deg. F. A half mile line of sunbaked holidaying Britons stretched along the Thames Embankment waiting for river steamers.

In all London's spacious parks young and old sprawled in deck chairs and on the grass taking advantage of the unusual sunny weather.

Transportation was taxed to breaking point. Thousands waited patiently at the stations and an almost hourly addition of extra trains did not seem to relieve the crush.

A few private cars were on the road because of the strictly enforced restrictions.

A Conservative member of Parliament, Cyril Osborne, criticised the Labour Government in a speech saying "this scandal of empty roads could have been avoided if it had an experienced man in the Fuel Ministry."

He said he travelled more than 100 miles on the highways of Leicestershire without seeing a single car.

A crowded London transport train caught fire near Acton central station. Scores of persons on the train leapt from the tracks while the fire brigade fought the blaze for 10 minutes before bringing it under control.

By noon, nearly 500 extra buses had been put into service in London and every available piece of equipment made ready for the expected evening crush when out-of-towners begin returning.

Giant
New U.S.
Carrier

Washington, May 17.
A United States' new 65,000-ton aircraft carrier will be the longest ship ever built, with a waterline length of 1,030 feet, Vice-Admiral Earle Mills, Chief of the Bureau of Ships, said today.

Telling the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee of the Navy's plans for the carrier, he said it would cost about \$125 million.

The new carrier—20,000 tons more than the USS Midway, which is the largest afloat today—will be 10 feet longer than the French liner Normandie, which exploded and burned in New York Harbour during the war.

The Committee endorsed a bill suspending work on 13 ships and transferring the unexpended funds to the 1949 programme, which includes five new ships and three conversions, as well as the new carrier.

Some of the work will be on ships equipped to launch guided missiles.—Reuter.

London, May 17.
The King and Queen are spending the holiday at Balmoral Castle with Princess Margaret.

Whit Monday is an official British Bank Holiday and practically all commercial and other business has been closed since Saturday. Whit Monday, Pentecost is one of the principal feasts in which the Christian Church commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.—United Press.

Siamese
C.I.D. On
The Job

Bangkok, May 17.
The Government has suspended all gold transactions in order to recover the remaining three-fourths of the US\$2,000,000 gold shipment which was stolen in last Wednesday's hold-up.

Criminal Investigation Department agents were sent to the northern and eastern frontiers to block trucks reported to be trying to transport gold from the country.

Press reports said ten cases of gold already had crossed the frontier at Aranya Prades, on the Siamese-Indochina border.

Bangkok gold brokers were ordered to present an immediate inventory of their stocks.

The Government has offered a US\$500,000 reward for the recovery of the gold, the largest reward offered in the history of Siam.—United Press.

POPE RECEIVES
MOTORISTS

Vatican City, May 17.
Pope Pius XII today received members of the International Automobile Association convened in Rome for the 50th Anniversary of the Italian Automobile Club.

The group included Viscount Rohar, International President; Lord and Lady Howe, England; Count De Liedekerke Beaufort, France; and the Duke of Ursel, Belgium.—Associated Press.

London, May 17.
A 50-year-old British administrator, Sir Hubert Rance, who was Governor of Burma until he achieved independence in January, is to be responsible for the development of the British West Indies.

He has been appointed chairman of a standing committee of representatives of the legislatures of the British Caribbean colonies which is to make recommendations about closer association of those colonies.

Weizmann Makes
First Statement

New York, May 17.
Dr. Chaim Weizmann, newly-elected President of the Provisional Council of Israel, said, in a statement of acceptance of office:

"I am proud of the great honour bestowed upon me by the Provisional Council of Government of the State of Israel in electing me as its first President."

"It is in a humble spirit that I accept this election and I am deeply grateful to the Council for the confidence which it has reposed in me."

"I dedicate myself to the service of the land and of people in whose cause I have been privileged to labour these many years."

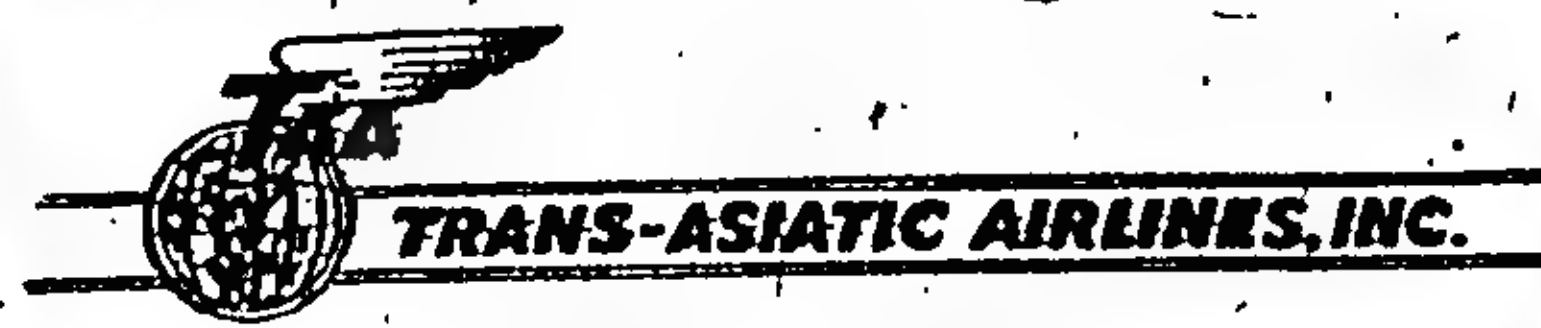
"I send to the Provisional Government and the people of Israel this expression of my deepest and most heartfelt affection."

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"I pray that the struggle forced upon us will speedily end, and will be succeeded by an era of peace, development and prosperity for the people of Israel and those who are waiting to join us in the construction and advancement of the new State."

"I regret that at this moment I am not with our people, but my thoughts and prayers are especially with those who are bearing the brunt and sacrifice of Israel's defense. The future of Israel will not be the work of those who have fallen. Zion shall be redeemed in justice."

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MOSCOW "PEACE" FEELER

The pointed decision of General Marshall to cold-shoulder Moscow's declared readiness to discuss points of difference between Russia and the United States has shocked public opinion in Europe, especially that section which would grasp at any straw offering a respite from the existing atmosphere of tension. Any gesture of goodwill, the feeling is, should have been grasped with both hands, for the very act of rejection must tend to exacerbate relations that much more. Mr. Marshall may, nevertheless, be right in refusing to enter upon a conference without a clearly defined picture of what it is intended to discuss, and some better inkling than Moscow has yet provided of a genuine desire to produce results. If the hopes roused by the Moscow feeler have been rudely dashed, how much greater the shock were yet a further conference to terminate in yet another stalemate. That is the American line of approach and there is much warrant for it.

On the Russian side, there can be small complaint no matter in what manner Moscow's propaganda is manipulated. If there is suspicion of the Kremlin's bona fides, it is the product of Russia's policy in international relations over the last two years. Russia's readiness for discussions is not in doubt. What lacks is a safely acceptable reason why. It is possible that Molotov genuinely seeks a relaxation of the tension and a more tolerable modus vivendi. On the other hand the offer may be no more than a stalling-point, an invitation to protracted discussions that would serve only to delay European reconstruction while the Communist organisation continues its stealthy work underground.

Frankly, few skilled observers would place the slightest confidence in the first alternative. The whole method of disclosure of the Molotov-Bedell Smith correspondence bore the hallmarks of a propaganda stunt rather than of an earnest bid to find an amicable settlement by way of negotiation. And the subsequent diatribe in "Pravda" in reference to the Wallace Open Letter to Stalin serves merely to confirm the worst impression.

Undeniably, however, much harm has been done, and it is not at all certain that the tone and circumstances of the Marshall reply to Molotov did not contribute substantially. The United States was not, of course, responsible for bringing the matter out into the dangerous light of public diplomacy. It is there that the greatest damage has been caused. At the best, the improvement of relations between East and West, the breaking down of the suspicions which now inflict themselves into every situation, whether on one side of the Iron Curtain or the other, will involve laborious painstaking effort, the most careful preliminary preparation of quick results. Meantime, nothing should be permitted to divert attention from the main objective of the moment, which is the reconstruction of Western Europe and the creation of the conditions which will permit the great Powers to gather round the conference table on level terms.



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ANXIETIES OF NAVAL WAR

other members of the War Cabinet and to various Ministers with whom I had departmental or other business.

Dated memoranda which Mr. Churchill sent to other Ministers at this period and now reproduced include suggestions for a Ministry of Shipping (Sept. 11, 1939), an anti-waste campaign (Sept. 24), the replacement of Regular battalions in India by Territorials (Oct. 1), relaxation of the black-out (Oct. 1), and on Oct. 7 the formation of a Home Guard—under that name.

On Friday, Nov. 13, my relations with Mr. Chamberlain had so far ripened that he and Mrs. Chamberlain came to dine with us.

Mr. Churchill's anxieties were increased by the sinking of the Royal Oak and, later, of the armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi. This includes an account of Mr. Churchill's "only intimate social conversation" with Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

At Admiralty House, where we had a comfortable flat in the attic. We were a party of four.

Although we had been colleagues under Mr. Baldwin for five years, my wife and I had never met the Chamberlains in such circumstances before. By conversation I turned the conversation on to his life in the Bahamas, and I was delighted to find my guest expand in personal reminiscence to a degree I had not noticed before.

He told us the whole story, of which I knew only the barest outline, of his five years' struggle to grow a small island in the West Indies into a barren West Indian island near Nassau. His father, the great "Joe," was firmly convinced that there was an opportunity at once to develop an Empire industry and to fortify the family fortunes. As a result, the task therefore fell to Neville.

Not only in filial duty but with conviction and sincerity he obeyed, and the next five years of his life were spent in trying to grow a small island into a barren West Indian island near Nassau. His father, the great "Joe," was firmly convinced that there was an opportunity at once to develop an Empire industry and to fortify the family fortunes. As a result, the task therefore fell to Neville.

At the end of five years he was convinced that the plan could not succeed. He came home and faced his formidable parent, who was by no means contented with the result. I gathered that in the family the feeling was that though they loved him dearly they were sorry they had lost £50,000.

I was fascinated by the way Mr. Chamberlain warmed as he talked, and by the tale itself, which was one of gallant endeavour. I thought to myself, "What a pity Hitler did not know when he met this subtle English politician with his umbrella at Berchtesgaden, Godesberg and Munich that he was actually talking to a hard-bitten pioneer from the outer marches of the British Empire."

This was really the only intimate social conversation that I can remember with Neville Chamberlain and all the business we did together over nearly 20 years. During dinner the war went on and things happened. With the soup an officer came up from the War Room below to report that a U-boat had been sunk. With the sweet he came again and reported that a second U-boat had been sunk, and just before the ladies left the dining room he came a third time reporting that a third U-boat had been sunk.

Nothing like this had ever happened before in a single day, and

it was more than a year before such a record was repeated. As the ladies left us, Mrs. Chamberlain, with a naive and charming glance, said to me, "Did you arrange all this on purpose?" I assured her, that if she would come again we would produce a similar result.

Alas, these hopeful reports are not confirmed by the post-war analysis. Late in the afternoon of Nov. 23 the armed merchant, cruiser Rawalpindi, on patrol between Iceland and the Faroes, sighted an enemy warship which closed her rapidly. She believed the stranger to be the pocket battleship Deutschland and reported accordingly.

Her commanding officer, Captain Kennedy, could have had no illusions about the outcome of such an encounter. His ship was but a converted passenger liner with a broadside of four old 8-inch guns, and his presumed antagonist, mounted six 11-inch guns besides a powerful secondary armament. Nevertheless he accepted the odds, determined to fight his ship to the last.

The enemy opened fire at 10,000 yards and the Rawalpindi struck back. Such a one-sided action could not last long, but the fight continued until, with all her guns out of action, the Rawalpindi was reduced to a blazing wreck. She sank some time after dark with the loss of her captain and 270 of her gallant crew.

In fact it was not the Deutschland but the battle-cruiser Schernhorst which was engaged. This ship, together with the Gneisenau, had left Germany two days before to attack our Atlantic convoys, but having encountered and sunk the Rawalpindi and finding the consequences of the exposure, they abandoned the rest of their mission and returned at once to Germany. The Rawalpindi's heroic last stand was not therefore in vain.

The cruiser Newcastle, nearby in patrol, saw the gun flashes and responded at once to the Rawalpindi's first report, arriving on the scene with the cruiser Delhi to find the burning ship still afloat. She pursued the enemy and at 8.15 p.m. sighted two ships in gathering darkness and heavy rain. One of these she recognised as a battleship, but—lost contact in the gloom.

The hope of bringing these two vital German ships to battle dominated all concerned, and the Commander-in-Chief put to sea at once with his whole fleet. Sea and air patrols were established to watch all the exits from the North Sea, and a powerful force of cruisers extended this watch to the coast of Norway.

In the Atlantic the battleship Warspite left her convoy to search for the Denmark Strait, and finding nothing, continued round the north of Ireland to link up with the watchers in the North Sea. The Hood, the French battle-cruiser Dunkerque and two French cruisers were despatched to Icelandic waters, and the Repulse and Furious sailed from Halifax for the same destination.

By the 24th 14 British cruisers were combing the North Sea with destroyers and submarines co-operating and with the battle-fleet in support. But fortune was adverse, nothing was found, nor was there any indication of an enemy move to the west.

On the fifth day, while we were waiting anxiously in the Admiralty and at the Churchill's, the hope that this splendid prize would not be denied us, a German U-boat was heard by our D.F. stations making a report. We judged from this that an attack had been made on one of our warships in the North Sea. Soon the German broadcast claimed that "Capt. Prien," the sinker of the Royal Oak, had sunk an eight-inch cruiser to the eastward of the Shetlands.

Admiral Pound and I were together when this news came in. British public opinion is extremely sensitive when British ships are sunk, and the loss of the Rawalpindi, with its gallant fight and heavy toll in life, would tell heavily against the Admiralty if it remained unavenged.

Why, it would be demanded, was so weak a ship exposed without effective support? Could the German submarines be so close to the blockade zone in which our main forces were employed? Were the raiders to escape unscathed?

We made a signal at once to clear up the mystery. When we met again at four o'clock, without any reply, we passed through a very bad moment. I recall it because it marked the strong comradeship that had grown up between us and with Admiral Toin Phillips, who was also there.

"I take full responsibility," I said, as was my duty. "No, it is mine," said Pound. We wrung each other's hands in lively distress. Hardened as we both were in war, it is not possible to sustain such blows without the most bitter pangs.

But it proved to be nobody's fault. Eight hours later it appeared that the Norfolk was the ship involved and that she was undamaged. She had not encountered any U-boats but said that an air bomb had fallen close astern.

However, Captain Prien was no braggart. What the Norfolk thought to be an air bomb from a clouded sky was in fact a German torpedo, which had narrowly missed its target and exploded in the ship's wake. Feeling through the periscope, Prien had seen the great upheaval of water, blotting out the ship from his gaze. He dived to avoid an expected salvo. When, after half an hour, he rose for another peep, the visibility was poor and no cruiser was to be seen. Hence his report.

(To Be Continued)

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SUCCESSFUL TEST OF ATOMIC WEAPONS

Washington, May 17.

The White House said today that the recent atomic weapons test "was successful in all respects and indicated very substantial progress." The White House statement said the tests involved three atomic weapons.

The White House statement was issued after an oral report by the Atomic Energy Commission on the recent atomic tests at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

It said: "The first series of the tests are now completed. The Commission reported that the tests, involving three atomic weapons, each of improved design, were successful in all respects, and that the results indicate very substantial progress."

"The President gave general approval of the Commission's plans for the steps it proposed to initiate at once for further nuclear development, based upon information gained from the tests."

The statement said the tests were made under the security provisions of the Atomic Energy Act, and the scientific and technical results could not at present be made public.

It added that statements of acknowledging personnel services would be made by the military and scientific leaders on their return to Honolulu tomorrow.

10,000 Took Part

After a meeting of the Commission with the President, Mr. Lillenthal, head of the Commission, said: "We reported in some detail the results of the tests which are a milestone in atomic development."

The Commission's report was mainly concerned with the recent atom tests at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

Further statements by scientists would be made when the joint mission with the President, Mr. Lillenthal, head of the Commission, said: "We reported in some detail the results of the tests which are a milestone in atomic development."

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CANADA TO WAIT AND SEE

Ottawa, May 17.—Canada will withhold recognition of Israel until further study, the Canadian External Affairs Minister, Louis St. Laurent told Parliament today.

The Canadian Government is carefully appraising the situation, he said, adding "recognition of a new state is a matter of very serious consequence."—Associated Press.

U.S. Could Put On The Screws

Washington, May 17.

The United States will "require" Marshall Plan countries to consider devaluing their currencies if she considers this necessary, the National Advisory Council—chief American economic policy-making body—said here today.

In a report sent to Congress by President Harry S. Truman, the Council said the United States would "require" these countries to work out devaluation with the 46-nation World Monetary Fund.

This will be called for whenever the Council "believes that a country's exchange rates are imposing an unjustifiable burden on its balance of payments."

The United States could apparently compel devaluation by threatening to cut off Marshall Plan aid.

The British Pound, now valued at slightly over four American dollars, was regarded, official quarters here said, as one of the European currencies vulnerable to a devaluation move. Italy and France both have taken steps in recent months to devalue their currencies in relation to the United States dollar.—Reuter.

British "Part" In War

Mr. E. Z. Shragal, Executive Member of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, told a crowded gathering in a London synagogue today that the war was waged in the names of Transjordan and Iraq. He directed by British officers with the Transjordan Army, who have to this day not resigned their posts.

Mr. Shragal added this means that they had to do with the planning of the invasion.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



Marshall To See President

Washington, May 17.—President Truman arranged a conference with Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, today when the Palestine problem and the embargo on arms for Israel were expected to be discussed.

Mr. Charles Ross, Presidential Press Secretary, said today the arms embargo issue was "still under consideration."

Claiming widespread popular support for Truman's action in recognizing the new state, he said a file of telegrams one foot high had been received at the White House over the week-end, praising the President's initiative.

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CALL TO STOP FIGHTING American Resolution Presented At U.N. Situation Threat To Peace

Lake Success, May 17.

The United States declared today that the situation in Palestine was a "threat to peace" under the Charter of the United Nations and called on all Governments to stop the fighting immediately.

The statement was contained in a resolution which Mr. Warren Austin, the American delegate, presented to the Security Council today.

He asked the Council to declare the Palestine situation a "threat to peace" and to call on all governments involved to cease fighting immediately.

Mr. Austin, in the resumed debate on Palestine, said the Security Council needed more information on what is happening in Palestine and suggested it might ask the following questions:

To Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Transjordan, Iraq, Yemen, Syria and the Lebanon: "Are the armed elements of your armed forces sponsored by your Government now operating in Palestine?"

"If so, where are such forces located, under what command, and with what military objectives?"

"On what basis is it claimed that such forces are entitled to enter Palestine?"

"Who is now responsible for the exercise of political functions in the Arab areas in Palestine?"

"Is such an authority now negotiating with the Jews?"

"Have the Arab Governments entered on any agreement among themselves with respect to Palestine?"

"What are the terms of the agreement?"

"Have you named your representatives to deal with the Security Council truce commission?"

To Israel

To Israel: "Over which areas of Palestine do you exercise control?"

"Have you armed forces outside the areas claimed by the Jewish State?"

"If so, how do you justify their existence there?"

"Are you negotiating with the Arab authorities on a truce or a settlement?"

"Have you named your representatives to deal with the truce commission?"

"Would you agree to an immediate and unconditional truce for Jerusalem?"

After the Syrian delegate had vainly tried to get the Security Council to dispute the international legal status of Palestine, M. Andrei Gromyko, for the Soviet Union, urged the Council to take immediate steps to stop the war in Palestine.

Several members of the Council said they needed more time to consider the American resolution, which read:

"The Security Council, taking into consideration that previous resolutions of the Security Council in respect to Palestine have not been complied with and that military operations are taking place in Palestine, determines that the situation in Palestine constitutes a threat to peace and a breach of the peace within the meaning of Article 39 of the Charter;

A Blockade?

"Orders all Governments and authorities to cease and desist from any hostile military action and to that end issue cease fire and stand fast orders to their military and paramilitary forces to become effective within 36 hours, after the adoption of this resolution;

"Directs the truce commission, established by the Security Council by its resolution of April 23, to report to the Security Council on the carrying out of these orders."

Observers here noted that the American resolution contained no reference to an "act of aggression."

If the Council agrees to this resolution, it would be empowered to impose an economic blockade of Palestine and the surrounding Arab States, and, if that failed, to take such military action as it could.—Reuter.

Henry Oil Smells

Hollywood, May 17.

The major task of the United Nations was to provide for immediate international control of Middle East oil, Mr. Henry Wallace, third party candidate for the United States Presidency, said here last night.

The "Anglo-American oil trust" was at the base of United States-Russian and Jewish-Arab discord, he said. American recognition of the new State of Israel, he said, "must be followed by an ultimatum to the Arab feudal lords, who are truly puppets of Anglo-American oil—an ultimatum to lay down their arms."—Reuter.

Oil Well Still Berserk

New York, May 17.

Oil experts hope to check within a week the "wild" Canadian oil well in the \$300 million Leduc oilfield, Alberta, which has been spraying black, boiling oil 30 feet in the air, a Dow-Jones report said today.

Struggling through the slime, men working in the heart of the 40-acre tract where oil and gas are still bubbling up out of thousands of fissures, have made progress in installing control equipment to direct the oil away from the cracks.

The ban on production in the area, imposed by the Alberta Government as a protective measure, will continue until it is safe to lift it, a Canadian Conservation Board member said.

The chief danger is from natural gas escaping at the rate of 50 million cubic feet a day.—Reuter.

WALT DISNEY SUED

Rome, May 17.

Walt Disney will be the defendant in a trial for plagiarism in a Rome court tomorrow.

Piero Santini brought a suit against the Disney Animated Cartoons Company for allegedly

Iraqi Ministers' Pledge

Baghdad, May 17.

The Iraqi Army, with other Arab armies, would fight to the last man to "rescue Palestine," irrespective of the nature and extent of foreign support for Israel, Iraqi Ministers pledged today.

The Prime Minister, Sayid Mohammed Al-Sadr, the Foreign Minister, Nazim Al-Farisi, and the Minister of the Interior, Mustafa Umari, each told Reuters correspondents here today of their regret at the United States' "haste" in recognising the Jewish State.

"It is a matter of life and death and we are staking our existence on this fight," they declared.

The Premier added: "We pray it may be a short war."

The Palestine Jews, he declared, would enjoy the same rights and privileges as the Arabs when peace was restored.

The Premier was reluctant to discuss at present the implications of the American recognition of the Jewish State, but he insisted that, whether or not that decision was taken in a mood of "nervous uncertainty," it would in no way affect the course of the Arab "crusade"—Reuter.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

London, May 17.

The London Times' daily weather chart resumed today its editorial page appearance, abandoned since the war started.

In a welcoming editorial, the Times said the weather expert's task is of other national importance and it serves the good cause of giving everyone something harmless to "talk about."—Associated Press.

plagiarizing his short story used in the film "Fantasia." Santini said an attempt at settlement with the company had failed.—United Press.

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S. 8 8
H. 3 3
D. 10 2
C. 10 5 4 2
S. 5 4
H. 4 4
D. 8 4
C. 8 4 3
S. A J 10 4 3 2
H. 3 3
D. 10 5 2
C. 0

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)

West North East South
1 D Pass 2 NT Pass
2 D Pass 3 NT Pass
3 C Pass 5 C Pass
4 C Pass 8 NT

Can you imagine the bidding ending at 3-No Trumps on that deal? It did, at five tables in a twelve-table club tournament with a good many average players competing. In each case the bidding had begun with 1-Diamond, whereupon East bid 2-No Trumps, West 3-Diamonds, then East 3-No Trumps. The West players who passed that gave as their reason that East's 3-No Trumps was "of course a sign-off."

Certainly it was a signoff for East, saying in effect that he had shown the full value of his hand and therefore had nothing on which to base any more bidding of his own.

West, though, should not have considered that bid as signing him off. Able to lay down seven positive tricks at No Trumps on his own, and with the highly important heart K and club J opposite East's No Trump jump, he was away above anything he had shown to that stage. The best bidding after that point was as given in the sequence above. By his 4-Clubs West accomplished several things. First he gently suggested slam possibilities. Second, he made it clear that he had at least six diamonds and four clubs.

East's showing of the four-card fit for clubs with his 5-Clubs made it imperative for West to try for the slam in Clubs. There it should have stayed in rubber bridge, but in a pair duplicate East did just right to move it into No Trumps to seek the slightly higher score.

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM
S. 10 5 3 2
H. 10 9 8
D. A Q 7 5 4
C. Q

S. J 6 4
H. A K Q
D. 7 5 2
C. J 9

S. 10 5 3 2
H. 10 9 8
D. A Q 7 5 4
C. Q

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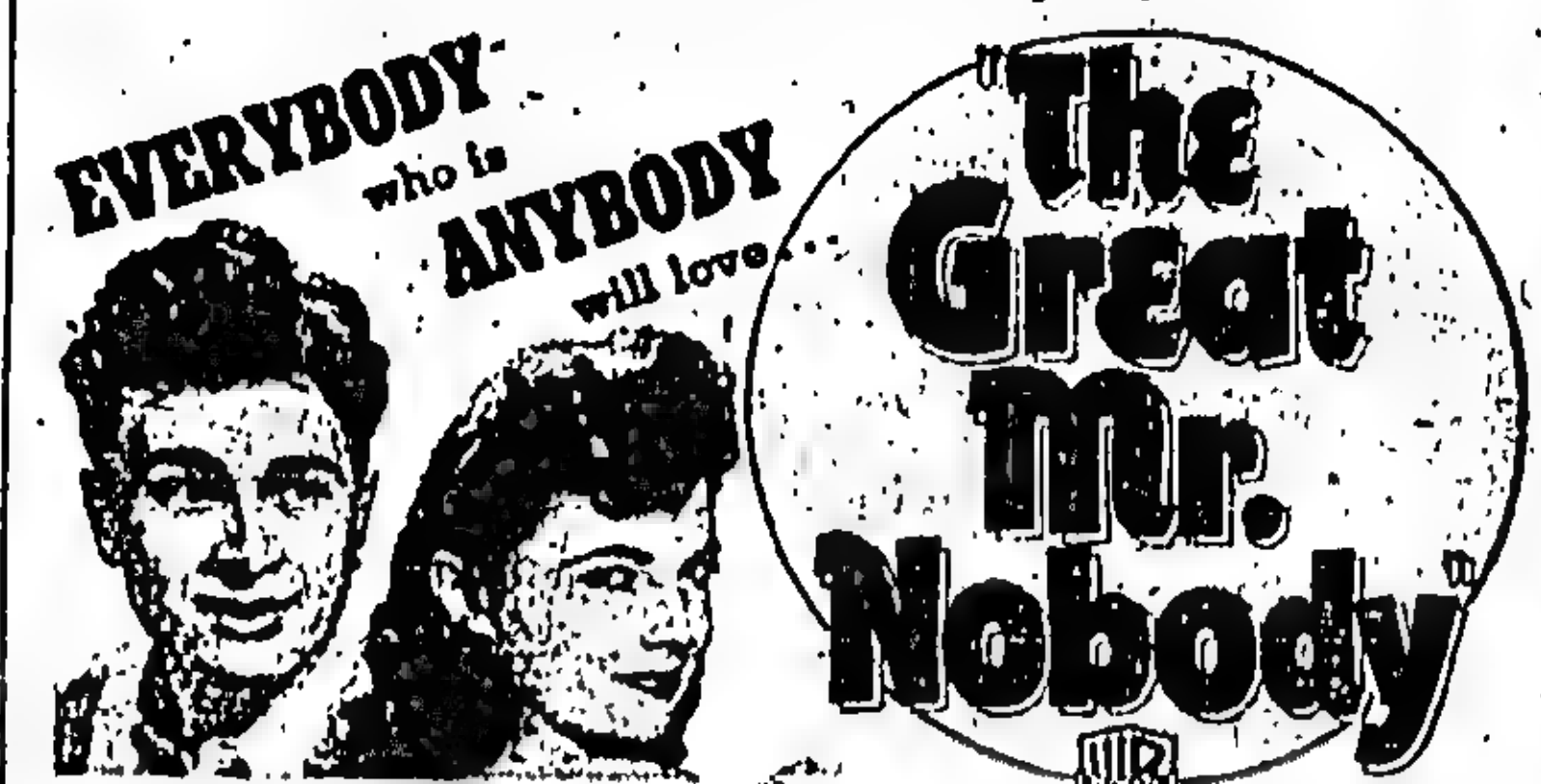
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LABOUR DELEGATES APPROVE
POLICIES OF GOVERNMENT
Overwhelming Vote For Party Executive
Rebel M.P. Refused
Leave To Speak

Scarborough, May 17.

Delegates representing 4,000,000 members of the
Labour Party today overwhelmingly approved
the policy of its leaders in the Government.
Fewer than 20 of the more than 1,200 de-
legates supported a resolution challenging this
policy.The Party Executive, reporting on its leadership
during the past year, had a smooth passage
through the first day's proceedings of the
annual Conference here.The delegates implicitly re-
affirmed their approval of the
party's foreign policy by refus-
ing to hear a speech by Mr.
John Platts-Mills, a Member of
Parliament recently expelled
from the party after he had
organised a telegram of good
wishes to the Nenni Socialists
supporting the Communists in
the Italian elections.The Party Chairman, Mr.
Emmanuel Shinwell, the War
Minister, was again outspoken
on the Labour Government's na-
tionalisation policy—a question on
which his earlier criticisms
caused a controversy in the party.
Almost on the eve of the Con-
ference he successfully defend-
ed himself against critics who
distilled his first declaration that
the nationalisation schemes had
been introduced without sufficient
deliberation.

Not Socialism

Today he said: "We dare not
acquiesce in the view that na-
tionalisation, in its present
form, is adequate for our pur-
pose. No nationally-owned in-
dustry or service can be re-
garded as satisfactory unless it
contains a truly democratic and
social content."
The State must not be satisfied
merely with ownership."Nationalisation without de-
mocracy is not socialism, and we
cannot claim that an industry or
service is socialised unless and
until the principles of social and
economic democracy are im-
plicit in its day to day conduct."Mr. Herbert Morrison, Deputy
Prime Minister and leader of the
House of Commons, told the
Conference that the Government
would put a stop to the "foolish,
old-fashioned, 19th-century ob-
struction" with which Conserva-
tive opponents of nationalisation
last week fought the latest na-
tionalisation measure—that for
the gas industry.Referring to the 50-hour ses-
sion of the Parliamentary Stand-
ing Committee considering the
Bill, Mr. Morrison said: "It will
be legitimate and reasonable on
the part of the Government to
see that these gentlemen do not
fool about like that in future. We
are not going to allow it to go
on."

Attack On Bevin

Mr. Konni Zilliacus, one of the
most prominent Parliamentary
critics of the Foreign Secretary,
Mr. Ernest Bevin, led the at-
tack on the party's foreign policy.
The party, he said, had em-
barked on a policy which
isolated it from the greater
part of the European working
classes.The majority of European
Socialist parties were led by
Communists or left wing
Socialists."Are we going to be on bad
terms with them indefinitely or
to associate with them again?"
he asked."If you do not do that, there
is no stopping place short of
joining Mr. Churchill and Pre-
sident Truman in waging a cold
war against the workers of
Europe."His move to renounce the Ex-
ecutive policy was backed by a
delegate who disagreed with the
Executive's policy of discourag-
ing support for the recent Con-
gress of Europe at The Hague.

Dalton Reply

The Executive spokesman, Mr.
Hugh Dalton, former Chancellor
of the Exchequer, replied that
close cooperation and friendly
relations between Britain and the
Soviet Union was desirable but
required "willingness on both
sides and not on one side only."Of The Hague Conference,
he said there were "many
queer people" there with whom
he did not think the Labour
Party should be "mixed up."
The party should closely as-
sociate itself with democratic
Socialists.Stronger criticism of Mr.
Bevin by Mr. Platts-Mills was
reserved for pressure, as the
Conference refused to hear him
plead his case against his ex-
pulsion.Mr. Platts-Mills now sits in
the House of Commons as an
Independent. He was refused a
hearing by 2,563,000 representa-
tive votes against 1,403,000.Exactly 10 years ago, Sir Staf-
ford Cripps, now Chancellor of
the Exchequer, was allowed to
address the annual Conference to
defend himself after having been
expelled for advocating a Labour
"Popular Front" including the
Communists.

Road To War

Afterwards, Mr. Platts-Mills
gave the press a copy of the
speech he had intended to make.
In it, he attacked the Foreign
Secretary in the conduct of Brit-
ish foreign policy."Britain is in an economic
crisis. We could solve that
crisis if it were not for Mr.
Bevin. His foreign policy makes
it impossible for us to solve it,"
he said.He said he wanted to be back
in the party. "I should be back
in the party and I know of no
reason why I should not be," he
told newsmen.He said Mr. Bevin does not
want a settlement with the Soviet
Union. In his written speechA Frog In A
Million

Angels Camp,

California, May 17.

A sprightly frog named "Hel-
liotrope" won the California
frog jumping championship
yesterday with a leap of 11
feet five inches, before a
crowd of 10,000 frog lovers.The group of University of
California students who en-
tered Helliotrope in the con-
test said: "We only caught
him on Saturday and had no
opportunity to train him.
He's a frog in a million." The
students will share the prize
of \$200.—Reuter.which he had intended to make,
he said: "And because he (Mr.
Bevin) does not want and will
not honestly work for such a
settlement, he has put Britain on
the road to war.""This is the essence of my
general political conduct. Whether
you will have me back or
not, I beg you to save the party
from the leadership which is tak-
ing it to destruction and Britain
and the world to war."He said Mr. Bevin's policy
means war. Today it is Indonesia,
Greece, Palestine. "There is no
end to Mr. Bevin's road. Unless
we change his policy, it is war
for us tomorrow."—Reuter.Lovely
But Moon
Drunk

London, May 17.

Alice Tindal, 31, pleaded in-
nocent at the Cambridge
Assizes court today to the
strangulation murder of her
22-year-old wife, whom her
mother described as "lovely to
look at but moon drunk."Prosecutor Gilbert Beyfus
charged that Tindal strangled his
wife Frances after she threatened
to take their baby and leave him.Beyfus introduced an alleged
statement by Tindal saying: "I
couldn't stand it any longer. I
just found myself on the couch.
The baby was crying."After Tindal had pleaded his
mother told the court:"I wanted to love her. She is
so lovely to look at when she is
all right, but when she is not
all right she is like someone moon
drunk."Questioned by the court when
her late daughter-in-law was most
affected, Mrs. Tindal said: "Moon
times. I dreaded moon times."
United Press.Elizabeth Visits
Fontainebleau

Paris, May 17.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh left
the bright boulevards of Paris behind them
today and drove under cloudless skies to the
forest town and palace of Fontainebleau—the
hunting ground of French kings and the scene
of Napoleon's abdication.On their 45-mile drive out
of Paris, they passed, for the
first time, through one of the
poorer quarters, where workers
turned out to watch them pass.After their late night club
visit, from which they went
home at two o'clock in the
morning, they had a refreshing
outing with few formalities for
their last complete day in France.For lunch, Princess Elizabeth
and the Duke drove five miles to
Ezbarbon, on the edge of the
forest, associated with memories
of the British author, Robert
Louis Stevenson, and the painter
of the "Angelus," Jean Francois
Millet.Twelve people sat down to
lunch with them at Les Charmes-
restaurant. Roast chicken
with peas was the main dish, and
a saxophonist played for the
Princess and her husband.The restaurant proprietor, who
said the Princess had been not
to be segregated from the other
diners, remonstrated with the
police, who insisted that she
should be.Arguments ensued over the
heads of the customers, who
had policemen stationed at their
elbows.After a leisurely lunch, the
couple drove to the Chateau de
Vaux-le-Comte, where they were
received by Madame Sommier,
wife of one of France's biggest
sugar manufacturers.The Princess had ten with
leading French personalities and
then drove around the grounds
of the castle.—Reuter.

"Come Back"

Paris, May 17.

Thousands of Parisians shout-
ing "Come back soon!" crowded
the Place de l'Opera tonight to
catch a last glimpse of Princess
Elizabeth and the Duke of Edin-
burgh, who will fly back to Lon-
don tomorrow morning.Princess Elizabeth has pleased
Parisians, from grey-haired
statesmen to night club porters,
with her attractive clothes, her
excellent French and her regal
grace.The royal car, because it was
delayed by cheering crowds, was
almost an hour late this evening
on the return drive to Paris from
Fontainebleau.While Monday picnic parties in
the forest of Vincennes, the bank
holiday resort for workers living
in the east of Paris, cheered as
the Royal pair drove by.—Reuter.

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"TREVILYAN"	via Straits	22nd June

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"ORBITA"	Shanghai	28th May
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"TREVILYAN"	Shanghai & Japan	2nd June
"ORBITA"	U.K.	9th June
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ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Japan & Amoy	21st May
"SIRDHANA"	Cebu & Straits	16th June

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SHIP	TO	SAILING
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"Anything May Happen," Says Washington

Mr. Truman Awaits Clarification

Washington, May 17. President Truman will probably wait for clarification of the Palestine problem in the Security Council before deciding whether to lift the embargo on arms shipments to Israel, American officials said here today.

These officials conceded, however, that there was no definite assurance the White House would, in fact, wait that length of time.

In view of the recent surprising and unexpected turns in the United States policy on Palestine, it was recognized that "anything might happen" and no forecast was really safe. This was especially so because many American officials were

caught unawares by Mr. Truman's recognition of Israel last week and the same officials may not be fully informed today of the plans on the arms embargo. These were the factors which appeared to indicate no immediate action by the White House.

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Washington, May 18
Treasury position on May 13 compared with the corresponding date a year ago

Total debt: US\$252,108,920,431.45
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Gold assets: US\$23,235,200,035.70
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